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Stolen chips may have led to death

ATTACK There are reports that a fatal beating at Toronto's Don Jail this past weekend may have been touched off by a squabble over a bag of allegedly stolen potato chips.

Police made the allegation Tuesday during a court appearance of three suspects charged with first-degree murder in the death of Jeff Munro, 32.

The attack occurred in an area of the jail where there are no surveillance cameras.

The men charged in the attack are Troy Victor Campbell, 24, Osman Sarikay, 22, and Kevin Andre Veiro, 21.

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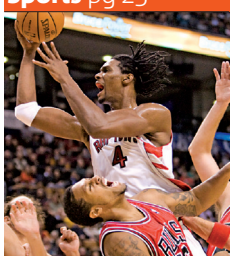

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Nicole Winchester has had enough of TTC fare hikes and strikes without any upgrade of service. She has planned a boycott of the TTC tomorrow with postings on Facebook, Twitter and a blog. As of last night, 4,600 people had joined the Facebook event page.

Hike is 'last straw'

TTC rider plans boycott of transit system tomorrow

An exasperated commuter has proposed a one-day boycott of the TTC to protest a fare hike likely to take effect in January.

For Nicole Winchester, a Toronto web developer who takes transit to work, the proposed price increase is "one of those last-straw sort of things."

On Facebook, Twitter and a blog, she urges riders to convey their unhappiness to city councillors and TTC officials by avoiding the transit system tomorrow.

"I know that the TTC is having funding problems," said Winchester, 34, "but it doesn't seem that the ridership should be responsible for footing the shortfall every time more money needs to be put into the system."

"The ridership is frustrated, and I really think they're frustrated to the point that people should take notice."
TTC rider Nicole Winchester

As of last night, 4,600 people had joined the Facebook event page Winchester created.

"The ridership is frustrated, and I really think they're frustrated to the point that people should take notice," she said.

TTC spokesperson Brad Ross said he knows many riders are displeased about the proposed increases. But both riders and TTC officials prefer fare hikes to a "massive cut to service," he said. Facing a $100-million deficit, he said, the TTC had to pick one or the other.

"I completely understand riders' frustration when there's a fare increase. We don't expect, when we announce a proposed fare increase, for TTC passengers to say, 'Yes, thank you, we want to pay more for transit!' Obviously, nobody's going to say that. But the system needs to be funded."

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Mormon church endorses gay rights

The Mormon church for the first time has announced its support of gay rights legislation, an endorsement that helped gain unanimous approval for Salt Lake city laws banning discrimination against gays in housing and employment.

The Utah-based church's support ahead of Tuesday night's vote came despite its steadfast opposition to gay marriage, reflected in the high-profile role it played last year in California's Proposition 8 ballot measure that barred such unions.

Passage made Salt Lake City the first Utah community to prohibit bias based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Under the two new ordinances, it is illegal to fire someone from their job or evict someone from their residence because they are lesbian, bisexual, gay or transgender.

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Teen shot in altercation

One teen is in serious condition and another has minor injuries after a shooting and stabbing yesterday in the Highway 401 and Don Mills Road area. Police say it happened when a fight broke out between two groups of teenagers. Emergency crews found one 16-year-old shot in the back and another 16-year-old with minor stab wounds.

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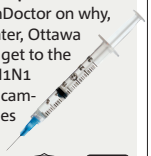

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Shinny out, girls hockey in

Mayor says city's equity policy gives public ice time to girls leagues

Adult male shinny groups and players in the competitive Greater Toronto Hockey League will be moved out of publicly owned city arenas or pushed to different time slots to accommodate the growing number of girls in the game.

"They need to accept that they are less of a priority for public arenas than girls, and I don't think anyone can quarrel with that," Mayor David Miller, a former midnight shinny player, said yesterday.

"Adult men and the Greater Toronto Hockey League … have to take a back seat to girls, that's our (equity) policy."

Miller's comments followed yesterday's Toronto Star story about the Leaside Girls Hockey Association's Oct. 30 letter to him, which threatened to launch a human rights complaint over what the 900-member league alleges is the city's failure to enforce its equity policy at city arenas.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Members of the Leaside peewee girls hockey team take a break at practice yesterday at the Beaches Bubble at the Ted Reeve Arena in Toronto.

The league claims municipal facilities shut girls out of prime-time ice and in some cases, rent it to adult men for hockey.

GTHL president John Gardner called Miller's stand on pushing boys off public ice "hypocritical" because the expanding girls' game has already squeezed boys' permit times.

"If you've got to get what you want by taking away from other kids, I don't see what that accomplishes," Gardner said, "and any politician who subscribes to that ought to be ashamed of themselves."

The GTHL's 40,000 players will use municipal ice for close to 30 per cent of league games this season — down from 40 per cent in recent years. Gardner said forcing GTHL players into private arenas, where rates can top $300 an hour, will drive up the price of the game for families.

But skating on expensive private ice is at the core of Toronto Leaside's argument.

Ron Baker, president of the girls' hockey association, said his non-profit league has spent more than $1 million over the past five years at private arenas, largely because city-owned facilities in players' neighbourhoods regularly refuse to give the association ice permits that Baker insists it is entitled to.

Regardless of gender, priority at city rinks is supposed to be given first to youth recreational hockey (house leagues), then to youth competitive hockey, and then to adult players.

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Santa packing hand sanitizer this year

OUTBREAK Santa wants children with symptoms of H1N1 to stay home until they're feeling better and not climb onto his lap for pictures because it could put others at risk of contracting the virus.

"I think it's important that people know that Santa's been thinking about this," says Steven Norman, Santa at Mississauga's Dixie Outlet Mall.

Norman, 62, got his H1N1 flu shot and will be carrying an alcohol-based hand sanitizer in his pocket as he strolls the mall. His Santa station will be disinfected every hour, and he will gently ask children who appear ill with the flu to return another time.

Jennifer Andrews, who runs a school in Calgary that trains Santas for work around the world, says she has sent guidelines to hundreds of Santas on preventing transmission of H1N1.

Flu **Outbreak**

"If the children are ill, we're recommending that they come back and see him another time."

She's asking clients who hire Santas from her school to set up handwashing or hand-sanitizing stations along the red carpet to Santa's chair. Santa's elves can help children comply.

Henry Paquet, head of the Santa Claus Association of Quebec, urges Santas to minimize physical contact. That means no kisses and no sick kids on Santa's lap.

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News in brief

STRIKE Ontario's striking driver examiners have rejected the latest offer from their employer, Serco DES Inc. United Steelworkers Local 9511 says the vote against the offer by DriveTest workers was 78 per cent. The union, which had urged workers to reject the offer, is calling on the company to return to the bargaining table. The strike, which began in August, affects 93 full-time and part-time DriveTest sites.

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Blackface stirs debate

U of T students apologize for costume choice

Few things are more cringe-inducing than blackface. For a group of University of Toronto students, that's the most recent lesson learned.

At a Halloween party on Oct. 29, a Trinidadian student and four white friends decided to dress up as the Jamaican bobsled team from the 1993 kitsch film Cool Runnings.

They wore brightly coloured tracksuits, one dreadlock wig and Jamaican flag T-shirts. Oh, and face paint: For the black student, posing as the coach played by John Candy, thick white clown makeup. For the white students, brown foundation slightly darker than George Hamilton's self-tanner.

The day after the party, Torontoist posted a photo of the group, kicking off a heated comment-section debate on satire and tribute. Criticism centred on the notion the bobsled team had apparently won a costume prize.

"There wasn't voting or any rationale or best costume award," says Deryn Robson, a South Asian student at St. Michael's College, who organizes events like the Halloween gathering for 1,500 at Mansion Bar and Wet Lounge. Robson, who went as Mickey Mouse, says after every party, he sends his mailing list a bunch of photos. This time, he singled out group costumes he thought were fun.

As always, he offered passes to the next student union party to those in the pics. Only a bunch dolled up as burlesque dancers accepted the freebies. What U of T's Black Students' Association wanted was official apologies from the three colleges that threw the party.

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This photo of U of T students in blackface at Halloween, which was posted on Torontoist.com, sparked debate and a written apology from the group.

In a defence posted on Torontoist, the U of T group said the costume was a specific tribute to a movie that played "a large part in our childhoods."

The BSA and other student groups organized a Tuesday night townhall meeting on the uproar. Some 250 students turned up for quick lesson on the history of blackface from U of T professors, followed by a discussion. The bobsled group was there and submitted a written apology.

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Queue-jumping survival panic, says prof

FLU Despite health officials imploring people to let high-risk groups get their H1N1 shots first and stressing most cases of swine flu are mild, more and more reports are surfacing of people jumping the queue to get the vaccine.

Flu Outbreak

At least one expert says this queue-jumping behaviour just might be people's survival instinct kicking in.

Several factors may be prompting "me first" behaviour, said Scott Schieman, a sociology professor at the University of Toronto. While he couldn't comment on specific cases, Schieman, who is also deputy editor at the American Sociological Association's Journal of Health and Social Behaviour, said the will to survive might trump all.

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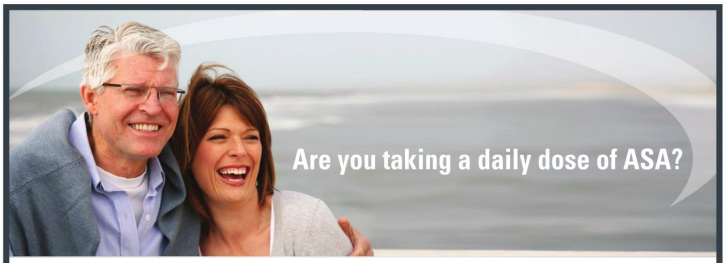

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Man stabbed in seemingly unprovoked attack on west-end TTC bus

A man escaped serious injury when he was stabbed in an unprovoked attack on a Toronto transit bus. Police say the 22-year-old victim was stabbed by a stranger Tuesday night in the west end. METRO NEWS SERVICES

'We will never forget'

Remembrance Day ceremonies crowd Queen's Park

A huge cross-generational crowd that flooded the front lawn of Ontario's legislature for Remembrance Day inspired faith in one Second World War veteran that the struggles of the past will not be forgotten.

Retired Maj.-Gen. Richard Rohmer thanked Canadians for their reverence and dedication to veterans from the First World War to Afghanistan, and those who never made it home from the conflicts.

His address was periodically drowned out by the booms of a 21-gun salute that rang high above Ontario's Veterans' Memorial Wall. After the ceremony, Rohmer said he was confident youth would help pass the memories of Second World War veterans to future generations.

"It's very important for old fellows like me to be recognized," he said. "The reality is that they will remember because of these ceremonies that are growing as we get older in size and importance."

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Canadian war veteran Ralph Preece, 89, salutes yesterday as he watches the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 101 in Toronto. More coverage, pages 11, 17.

About 163,450 Canadian Second World War veterans are still alive, but with an average age of 86, their numbers are dwindling — along with their reservoir of memories from the war.

Premier Dalton McGuinty said that on Remembrance Day, "we honour those who have done their duty, by doing ours."

"On behalf of an Ontario family 13 million strong, it is my great honour to thank all those who stood on guard and my solemn duty, along with everyone here, to say: We will not forget."

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Malvern student Kristen Tuer, 15, places some flowers near a wreath during the school's Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Former Malvern student recalls war 83 years later

CEREMONY Clutching his old military dog tags in a tremulous hand, Robert Burgener stood at the front of Malvern Collegiate Institute's auditorium yesterday and spoke of war.

"When you stepped on the gangplank, you knew you could not come home again until the war was over and nobody had any idea how long the war would last," said Burgener, 83, who last stood in that room as a 17-year-old "Malvernite" shipping off to fight in the Second World War. At the school's annual Remembrance Day ceremony, he described how many of his classmates had never travelled beyond Wasaga Beach, let alone gone overseas.

He recalled students who married their sweethearts before leaving, only to reunite with their wives years later. Another common scenario, he said, was soldiers falling in love with women overseas, their affairs ending as soon as the young man was re-posted.

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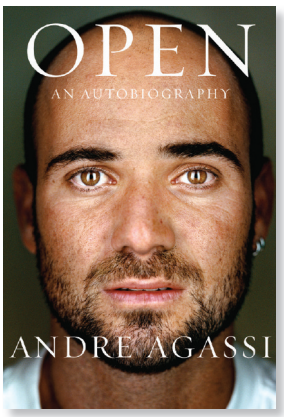

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Man charged after police chase
Robert Ryan, 19, of Brantford is charged with attempted murder following a chase in which police allege a car was driven toward officers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Comedian crusading against lung disease

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This Hour Has 22 Minutes comedian Mary Walsh makes a quick stop in Toronto yesterday.

As Canada's perennial funnywoman, Mary Walsh is renowned for leaving audiences in stitches.

But on a quick stop in Toronto yesterday, the award-winning actress and beloved founding cast member of This Hour Has 22 Minutes sat down to discuss a serious cause close to her heart: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or COPD.

"It is very prominent in my family and has been for a number of generations," explains the 57-year-old.

As the newly appointed spokesperson for The Canadian Lung Association, Walsh is determined to bring this lung disease — the fourth leading cause of death in Canada — to the forefront in the lead-up to World COPD Day on Nov. 18.

"People just don't get diagnosed," says the Newfoundland native, who has just finished filming a new pilot and is in the midst of writing a screenplay.

"COPD can't be cured, but it can be halted. So the sooner you get diagnosed can mean the difference between being attached to an oxygen tank all your life, or just taking a simple spray in the morning and keeping on top of it."

People with COPD generally have both chronic bronchitis and emphysema, which slowly damage the airways, making it difficult to breathe. Most people begin to experience symptoms in their 40s, 50s and 60s. Health experts believe COPD can be caused by a rare genetic disorder, Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, air pollution, smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke and chronic childhood lunch infections.

Walsh would like to see every doctor's office in Canada offer a simple spirometry (breathing) test, so others don't have to suffer through what many of her relatives have: Relying on oxygen tanks and becoming unable to go anywhere.

Cops investigate after inmate sent to hospital

Toronto Police are investigating after a Don Jail inmate was rushed to hospital with serious trauma yesterday afternoon.

The 32-year-old man was found on the floor of the jail around 12:30 p.m. with no vital signs.

Paramedics were able to resuscitate him before taking him to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

Police say it's not clear whether the man was attacked or simply injured.

"We responded to a medical complaint," said Staff Sgt. Warren Wilson. "We're still looking into it at this time."

Police say the man was in critical condition.

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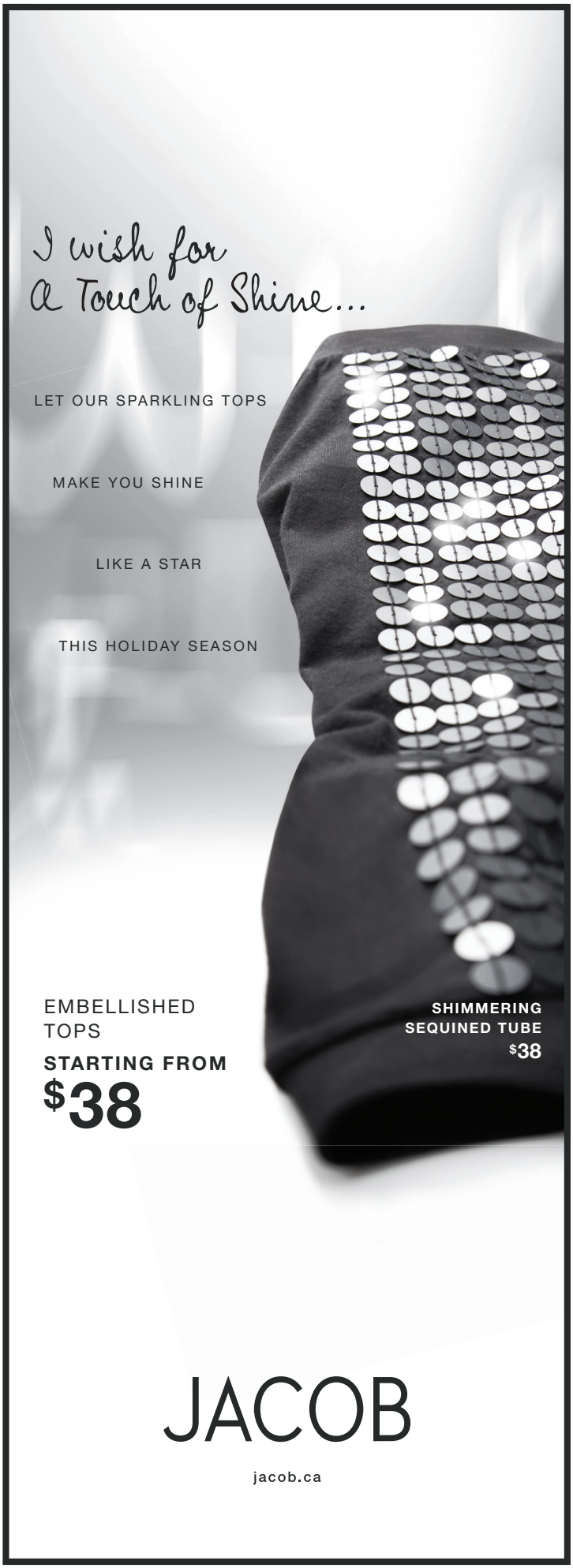

Cops seize thousands in narcotics

A brother and sister are facing charges after a month-long investigation by Peel police turned up more than $400,000 worth of illegal drugs. A search of two homes turned up four kilograms of cocaine along with a small amount of crack cocaine and marijuana. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fed spending questioned

Hard-hit regions passed over for stimulus bucks: Report

Canada's high jobless regions are losing out as billions in federal stimulus money flows into areas that have been spared the worst of the recession, an analysis by The Canadian Press suggests.

In six provinces, areas that benefit most from stimulus spending actually have unemployment rates well below the provincial average.

Stimulus dollars for British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have been poured into regions where workers have been faring comparatively well.

In three other provinces, Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Ontario, the stimulus winners do have higher-than-average unemployment — but the favoured regions are still not the very highest in the province when it comes to jobless rates.

And the area that has seen Canada's most serious deterioration in employment — the Cariboo region in the B.C. Interior —has seen no special treatment from the federal stimulus plan.

"We need to look at creating jobs. And I don't see that happening," said Robert Leclerc, president of the Quesnel and District Labour Council in the Cariboo.

"I feel sorry for the pulp mill workers. Who knows what they're going to do?"

Mills in the region have been cutting back or shutting down completely, Leclerc said, and there are more large job cuts pending. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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According to an analysis by The Canadian Press, of the billons spent in federal stimulus money Toronto and its surrounding area received the most, but many regions were overlooked for regions that have not suffered as much from the economic downturn.

Toronto tops funding list

ECONOMY In order to add up the amount of stimulus for each economic region, The Canadian Press analysis used a point system based on economic heft.

The economic region that came out in first place was Toronto — a stimulus target that makes sense, analysts say.

The city has been hit fairly hard by the recession. The unemployment rate for the region, averaged over the last three months, is 9.5 per cent. It's also significantly higher than the 6.9 per cent rate seen a year ago.

But the second-place winner in the stimulus bonanza is less logical, analysts say.

Ottawa was second on The Canadian Press scale, even though the unemployment rate for the region, 5.7 per cent, is the lowest in Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Waste management companies merge

BUSINESS A merger between Toronto's IESI-BFC Ltd. and Burlington, Ont.-based Waste Services, Inc. will create the third-largest waste management outfit in North America and save an expected $30 million US in its first two years, the companies say.

The deal, announced yesterday, values Waste Services at approximately $388.1 million.

IESI-BFC chief executive Keith Carrigan said the merger will provide the new firm with the scale necessary to operate successfully in the competitive North American solid waste management market.

"As we've always said, scale does matter in our industry, as it allows us to successfully implement our strategies for organic growth and fuel margin improvement," Carrigan said on a conference call with analysts.

"Our combination with (Waste Services) will expand our scale and scope, leading to increased revenues, profitability and cash flows."

Carrigan said Waste Services' Canadian assets are "highly complementary" to IESI-BFC's and will allow the new company to enhance margins by dealing with more waste volume internally. Additionally, the acquisition will give IESI-BFC access to Waste Services' "leadership position" in the Florida market.

Most importantly, Carrigan said the merger will allow the company to realize between $25 million US and $30 million US in synergies within two years, and it should be accretive to earnings per share and free cash flow in the first year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No layoffs?

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Newmarket settles lawsuit for $2.5 million
The Town of Newmarket has reached a $2.5-million settlement with Maystar General Contractors Inc. over the construction of the Magna Centre recreation facility. The decision to negotiate a settlement came after the Ontario Court of Appeal dismissed the town's appeal of a 2008 ruling that found the town liable for breach of contract. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Linda Sepp suffers from severe environmental allergies and is to be evicted from her house across from High Park in April. She has no money and needs somewhere else to live.

A poisoned home life

Woman with environmental sensitives struggles to find safety

Linda Sepp's hostile world just got more hostile.

For four years, she resisted eviction from a house facing High Park slated for demolition, saying that leaving it would kill her because of her acute environmental sensitivities.

Now even her safe haven has turned against her.

Mould grows in the laundry room, making her sick when she opens the basement door, she says.

Shampoo, deodorant, soaps — scented products of any kind — induce symptoms ranging from nausea to mental confusion, making home-repair workers a threat.

"I wish I were a leper. (The government) would build a leper colony and we could help each other."
Linda Sepp

The rental property is falling apart, causing traffic pollutants to blow in. Trace chemicals in city tap water pose a threat, meaning she must use glass-bottled water purchased at $1 a litre from her welfare cheque.

Sepp is to be evicted April 4 and she can't find a chemical-free home to move to, she says.

"I can't share air with people," she says summing up her problems from disabilities known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivities and Environmental Sensitivities, or MCS/ES.

"I wish I were a leper," she also says. "(The government) would build a leper colony and we could help each other."

Medical studies on environmental sensitivities are split. Some suggest the source of the problem is anxiety. Others conclude it is genetics.

"A genetic predisposition that interferes with the body's ability to detoxify itself," Dr. Riina Bray, medical director of environmental health at Women's College Hospital, says siding with the second camp.

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Groups upset at health panel plan

HOSPITALS A panel set up by the Ontario government to review health-care services in rural and northern communities is "nonsense" because it won't stop hospitals from cutting services or closing altogether, complain activists, local politicians and doctors.

The Ontario Health Coalition, a coalition of community groups, said the panel won't even ask the public about ways to provide better services as many hospitals struggle with growing budget deficits.

"Everybody understood that the panel would be an independent, third-party look at the policy direction of the government with regard to the closures of small and rural hospitals, and we're shocked to see a mandate that doesn't include that at all," said spokeswoman Natalie Mehra.

"So it's nonsense."

Ontario's 14 Local Health Integration Networks, or LHINs, will still be able to close emergency rooms or even entire hospitals before the panel reports next year, said Mehra.

"This process provides no direction for those communities as to whether or not these hospitals can be closed now in order to meet the short-term budget imperatives or whether the government is going to develop policies to explicitly protect them," she said.

"Come and consult with us, and please just listen and hear real stories."
Don McGugan, Brooke-Alvinston mayor

Don McGugan, mayor of Brooke-Alvinston near Sarnia, said the government's panel needs to speak to the people that will be affected by the health service cuts.

"If you set up a panel to look at rural and northern Ontario, the least you should do out of courtesy is come and talk to the people involved and ask 'what do you want,'" said McGugan.

"Come and consult with us, and please just listen and hear real stories."

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Animals die after drinking water from ditch

Autopsies are being conducted on several dead animals, including two dogs who died after drinking water from a ditch in southwestern Ontario. Provincial police were called after the dogs became ill and died shortly after drinking from the ditch in Essex on Sunday afternoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Miners hold rally at Clement's office

Striking miners from Vale Inco in Sudbury, Ont., have staged a small rally at Industry Minister Tony Clement's riding office in Parry Sound. But after finding the office closed Tuesday, the 20 or so protesters left leaflets on the doorstep and handed them out to drivers. The group called on Clement to force Brazilian mining giant Vale to honour job pledges made after the purchase of Inco Ltd. in 2006. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jobless jump in tech heartland

Skills mismatch blamed for unfilled positions as unemployment soars

When most people think BlackBerry they think of the booming high-tech company RIM making billions — an outfit with thousands of employees, easily bank rolling a millionaires' row in its hometown of Waterloo in southwestern Ontario.

And indeed, in Canada's so-called Technology Triangle — the cities of Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge — as many as 2,000 high-paying, high-tech jobs are going begging.

But in a startling juxtaposition, the region is also registering an unemployment rate of 9.2 per cent, higher than the national average of 8.6 per cent.

And even here, there are homeless living on the streets.

The number of unemployed has nearly doubled compared to this time last year, with 26,000 people out of jobs now compared to 14,500 in 2008.

But while the jobless numbers rise, there are 1,500 to 2,000 jobs open every day at the approximately 550 high-tech companies that inhabit the Technology Triangle.

Why the glaring discrepancy?

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Ed Stranb, 60, a former homeless person, stands yesterday against what used to be an old horse stable where he used to sleep in Waterloo, Ont. Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge are registering an unemployment rate of 9.2 per cent, higher than the national average of 8.6 per cent.

Though 30,000 people work in the industry, community leaders believe they may have a classic skills mismatch on their hands.

Many of those available, well-paying, high-tech jobs are highly specialized or require significant experience, or both, says Iain Klugman, CEO of Communitech, a high-tech industry association.

Salaries ranged from $50,000 to more than $177,000 in 2008, but the qualifications are steep.

"Filter tuning is a very specific kind of area that is not a common skill, working in optics and optical engineering is a very specific skill, software space is a very specific skill," Klugman said.

The area's manufacturing sector has also been hit hard, said Ken Seiling, chairman of the regional municipality of Waterloo, said. And the manufacturing industry, struggling to hire people back, is experiencing a mismatch as well.

Most manufacturers want at least a Grade 12 education, and many want skills gained at colleges.

Yet 36 per cent of pure labourers and 27 per cent of the more than 20,000 people employed in processing and manufacturing in the area had not finished high school, according to Statistics Canada 2006 census data. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper departs for APEC summit on first of three trips abroad

TRAVEL Prime Minister Stephen Harper embarks today on the first of three consecutive trips abroad that will keep him out of the House of Commons virtually until the fall session ends in mid-December.

There will be visits to Singapore, India, Trinidad and Tobago, China, and South Korea.

"It's an opportunity to underscore the importance of continued global co-operation during these times," Harper's spokesman, Dimitri Soudas, said yesterday of this weekend's APEC leaders' summit in Singapore.

"Canada will also be laying the groundwork for the upcoming G8 and G20 summits, which Canada will be hosting in June 2010."

This marks the most intense international travel period for Harper since he came to office in January 2006. He'll visit five countries on three separate trips over a four-week period — including two global circumnavigations to southeast Asia.

Talks at APEC are expected to focus primarily on the stuttering global economic recovery and trade flows, both areas where Canada can rightfully boast of being ahead of the curve. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SEWAGE There are more delays for Halifax's troubled sewage-treatment system. The CBC reported that the city has applied for a six-month extension of commissioning permits for the Dartmouth and Herring Cove treatment plants. The application marks the second time the city has asked for more time for the Dartmouth plant to meet effluent discharge targets before assuming ownership from the builder. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McMaster offers free tuition to fallen soldiers' children

HAMILTON McMaster University has joined several other institutions offering four years of free tuition to the children of Canadian soldiers killed in military action.

The university announced yesterday it will also provide residence accommodation and a meal plan for the first year of study, as part of the Project Hero program.

"We feel a responsibility to both honour the sacrifice and to do our small part in helping a soldier's family by offering access to a McMaster education."
Peter George, McMaster University president

The program was launched earlier this year for soldiers' sons and daughters under age 26. It is open until Aug. 31, 2014, and eligibility will be verified by the Department of National Defence.

"War takes a terrible toll on families — emotionally, and in some cases financially — and we feel a responsibility to both honour the sacrifice and to do our small part in helping a soldier's family by offering access to a McMaster education," Peter George, president of McMaster University, said in a release.

The scholarships are also being offered by Memorial University in Newfoundland, the University of Windsor in Ontario, the University of Ottawa and the University of Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Spray-painted swastika mars cenotaph service
The Remembrance Day ceremony in Woodstock was marred by the remnants of a swastika that had been spray-painted overnight on the city's cenotaph. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A nation pays homage to fallen

Across Canada they vow: 'We'll never forget'

A prince. A prime minister. A Governor General. And thousands of ordinary Canadians.

At 11 a.m. in the nation's capital and in towns and cities from sea to shining sea they all united … to remember.

Prince Charles, colonel-in-chief of three Canadian regiments, donned a full military uniform with the insignia of lieutenant-general as he laid a wreath at the foot of the towering National War Memorial in Ottawa.

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, titular commander-in-chief of the Canadian Forces, also wore a dress uniform as she walked beside the prince and laid a wreath on behalf of the Queen.

The Ottawa ritual began with a choir singing O Canada and a bugler playing the haunting notes of The Last Post.

The tolling of the Peace Tower clock sounding the hour of 11 a.m. heralded the two-minute silence.

The hush was broken by the crack of a gun as a piper sent the keening notes of The Lament over the wide plaza.

As a children's choir sang In Flanders Fields, the dignitaries placed their wreaths in front of the tomb of the unknown soldier at the foot of the 21-metre-tall memorial.

On the plaza, hundreds of veterans, many frail and bundled against the cold, sat with moist eyes as padres offered prayers and poet Laurence Binyon's pledge of remembrance was spoken: "At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."

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In Ottawa, above, thousands remember the fallen. In Calgary, far left, nine-year-old Sebastien Krisciunas holds a handmade wreath. In Ottawa, Prime Minister Stephen Harper pays homage.

Vandals topple N.B. cross, ceremony goes on

OUTRAGE Hundreds remembered the fallen in Fredericton, N.B., at a ceremony at the provincial cenotaph that had been damaged by vandals just days earlier.

Wreaths and poppies adorned the spot where a large granite cross had stood for decades.

But the cross was toppled and broken over the weekend.

"I'm so outraged," said veteran Bob Lockhart.

"I think it's the most contemptible thing."

"It makes us all sick to see that."
Rod While

He wasn't alone.

Rod While said: "It makes us all sick to see that. Especially … with our young men and women in Afghanistan doing the things that need to be done to ensure freedom for the rest of us."

"I just can't believe anyone in our city would do such a thing," said a woman who didn't want to be named.

Police are still investigating.

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Tanker truck spills gasoline on Calgary street
Emergency crews and police were dealing with a major fuel leak in a northeast Calgary industrial area yesterday. Officials say a tanker truck was pierced by a piece of rebar and spilled about 5,000 litres of gasoline into the street. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba madam escapes jail time

COURTS A Winnipeg woman who took money from a 14-year-old girl involved in the sex trade has escaped further jail time.

On Tuesday, a judge gave Peggy Doreen Melquist a six-month sentence for living off the avails of prostitution and running a common bawdy house.

The Crown and defence recommended the sentence, but the double credit Melquist, 52, gets for the three months she was in custody following her arrest means she will not spend any further time behind bars. Melquist pleaded guilty to one count each of living off the avails of prostitution and keeping a common bawdy house. Justice Robert Dewar of Court of Queen's Bench acknowledged the Crown had a difficult case after the girl involved in the matter died last summer. An autopsy could not confirm a cause of death.

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Torchbearer Joe Goudie holds the Olympic Flame at the airport in Happy Valley - Goose Bay, N.L., yesterday. The Olympic Flame which travelled all the way from Greece is now on a 106-day relay that will end in Vancouver on Feb. 12, 2010 to mark the start of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Olympic Flame tours the Rock

RELAY Remembrance Day was part of the focus of the Olympic torch relay as it reached Newfoundland and Labrador yesterday.

After making its way across northern Quebec, the torch entered Labrador, where it stopped by Remembrance Day events in the communities of Wabush and Labrador City.

In Wabush, Canadian Rangers and veterans along with other residents lined up to see the torch pass.

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A veteran who was on hand to see the torch in Labrador City said he wished he was younger so he could run with the flame.

The torch then flew on to Canadian Forces Base Goose Bay where it was cheered by a group of cadets.

The flame is expected to reach St. John's on Friday and will have crossed 45,000 kilometres and visited more than 1,000 communities before ending up in Vancouver for the start of the Games in February.

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On the web

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Ski jumpers back in court

Lawyers for women appealing ruling on 2010 Games' criteria

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Female ski jumpers and the 2010 Winter Olympic organizing committee are preparing to head back to court over the sport's place at the upcoming Vancouver Games.

With just three months to go until the Olympics, lawyers for 14 jumpers are appealing a decision by a B.C. Supreme Court judge that Vancouver organizers don't have the power to decide which sports are part of the Games.

While the judge agreed with the women's claim that their Charter rights are being violated by being kept out of the Games, Madame Justice Fenlon said in her July ruling that it's only the International Olympic Committee who can include their sport, and they aren't subject to the Charter.

"We don't agree...that the International Olympic Committee is the final authority."
Ross Clark, lawyer

"We will ask the court to consider whether the IOC can force (Vancouver organizers) to discriminate when it's carrying out a government activity," Ross Clark, a lawyer for the women, said in a statement.

"We don't agree with the trial judge's findings that the International Olympic Committee is the final authority." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Wildrose talks energy platform

Alberta's Wildrose Alliance party says it's launching a task force to develop an energy platform for the next provincial election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec stands alone for long-gun list: Poll

Provinces think registry has little effect, survey says

Quebecers are alone in wanting to save the long-gun registry, a new poll suggests.

Outside the province, most Canadians aren't convinced the registry has done much to reduce gun crime and appear content to abolish it.

The survey by The Canadian Press Harris-Decima was conducted Nov. 5-8, just after the House of Commons gave approval in principle to a private member's bill aimed at killing the controversial registry.

The bill, sponsored by a Conservative MP with the wholehearted endorsement of the Harper minority government, passed its first hurdle with help from 12 New Democrats, eight Liberals and one Independent.

The Bloc Québécois voted unanimously against abolition and the survey results help explain why.

Outside Quebec, it was a different story. Majorities in Atlantic Canada (50 per cent), British Columbia (51 per cent), Alberta (64 per cent) and Manitoba-Saskatchewan (61 per cent) said it's a good idea to get rid of the registry.

Ontarians were split on the issue, with 42 per cent favouring abolition and 40 per cent opposed.

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Results

- In Quebec, a majority of respondents — 56 per cent — said they're opposed to abolishing the registry. And 50 per cent said they believed the registry has helped reduce gun crime.

B.C. woman busted for stolen racy lingerie

CRIME When selling hot lingerie, it's best not to get your knickers in a knot.

A 44-year-old Kelowna, B.C., woman learned that lesson the hard way when she was arrested Tuesday with a bag full of boosted bustiers and purloined panties.

A clerk in a Kelowna store called RCMP when the woman tried to resell some of the ill-gotten undies — some with price tags still attached.

Instead of slipping away, she refused orders to leave the store, and officers had no trouble busting the camisole caper when they arrived. Lingerie valued at about $1,200 was seized, along with several other items including batteries, pet toys and pet supplies.

Mounties in Kelowna say the woman has an extensive criminal record.

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Woman charged with stealing taxi

A woman has been charged with stealing a taxi in Winnipeg. Police say the woman threatened and assaulted the driver, who escaped from the vehicle during the alleged assault Monday. Leanne Daniels, 29, faces multiple charges including robbery, impaired driving and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Expect slow recovery: Report

Canada's real estate market hampered by 'limp demand'

The real estate market didn't fall as hard or as fast in Canada as it did in the U.S., but some spots did suffer steep losses and a recovery will be slow as investors worry about another potential economic dip, a new report suggests.

Total losses in value across Canada will average between 10 to 20 per cent compared to the highs of two years ago, according to the study by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Urban Land Institute.

But some areas saw a much deeper drop. The report released yesterday predicts a slow recovery to begin by the end of next year.

"For 2010, we are rating only fair investment outlooks for most property types and predict generally weak conditions for development," said Chris Potter of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

"Limp demand threatens to soften property cash flows across all sectors and most markets."

The annual Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2009 report is based on surveys of more than 900 real estate investors developers, lenders, brokers and consultants in both Canada and the U.S.

It shows Canadian real estate investors are still worried about more potential economic shocks, particularly from the U.S. financial system.

That is despite conservative banking practices in Canada and stricter regulation that saved many Canadian investors from overleveraging during the recent housing recession.

The report forecasts a relatively stable market for developments such as condos, hotels and other developments, which will favour buyers over sellers.

It said prospects for apartment investments rank barely above a fair rating at 5.44 out of 10, followed by office at 5.04, retail at five, industrial/distribution at 4.68 and hotels at 3.69.

"We expect to see developers curbing their activity in light of softened demand as bankers rein in construction loans," said Lori-Ann Beausoleil, also of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

She said certain condo projects will likely "stall out" until residential prices firm up in Vancouver and Toronto.

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Rankings

- Toronto ranked third highest in the report, with investment prospects ranked 5.63 out of 10 and development prospects at 3.83. Vancouver was the best performer in the survey, although with a ranking of just 5.75 out of 10 for investment prospects and 4.68 for development prospects.

A new report suggests that the recovery of Canada's real estate market will be slow as investors are still worried about the stability of the economy.

Inspector fined for bad estimate

B.C. A home inspector has been ordered to pay nearly $200,000 to a North Vancouver couple who were told the house they wanted to buy only needed basic repairs.

A B.C. Supreme Court judge ruled Imre Toth was "negligent" and provided "woefully inadequate" estimates after his inspection of the house in 2006. Toth's report estimated house repairs would only cost about $20,000. Repairs totalled $200,000. The judge found the buyers wouldn't have purchased the $1-million home had they been made aware of it structural problems. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

CHARGES A member of the Sarnia police force, who is currently before the court on other criminal matters, is now facing sexual assault charges. The officer's name is not being released to protect the identities of the alleged victims.

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Brown pelicans come off U.S. endangered list
After nearly 40 years of struggling for survival, the brown pelican is coming off the U.S. government's endangered species list. The pelican's recovery is largely due to a 1973 ban of the pesticide DDT that had devastated its population. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Suit against prince 'meritless:' Lawyer

An American lawyer for Monaco's Prince Albert II has filed a motion to dismiss what he says is a "meritless" lawsuit by a Californian who claims he served as the prince's personal spymaster and is owed back pay. The "modest breach-of-contract claim" filed by Robert Eringer is "redolent of a crude 'shake-down' or blatant extorsion," Stanley S. Arkin contended in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weather caused Brazil blackout?

ENERGY Brazil's energy minister says a blackout that left 60 million people in the dark was caused by bad weather. Edison Lobao says heavy rains and strong winds caused three transformers on a key high-voltage transmission line to short circuit, cutting the line. That eventually caused the massive Itaipu dam to shut down as well.

The blackout that began late Tuesday has prompted questions about Brazil's energy grid, just weeks after the nation won the right to host the 2016 Olympics.

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Man guilty in courtroom murder

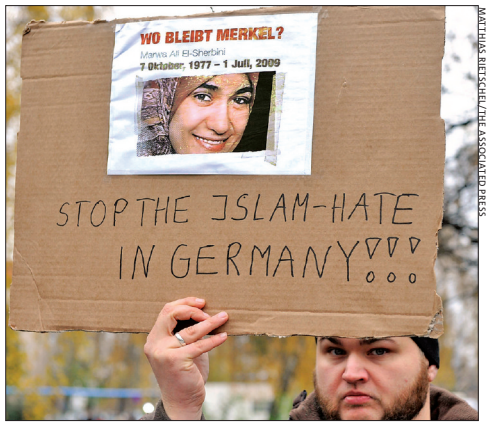
GERMANY A Russian-born German man was found guilty yesterday of murder and sentenced to life in prison for fatally stabbing a pregnant Egyptian woman in a courtroom, an attack that triggered outrage in the Muslim world.

The court said in its ruling that because of the particularly brutal nature of the crime, defendant Alexander Wiens would not be eligible for early release.

In July, Marwa Al-Sherbini, a 31-year-old pharmacist, was stabbed at least 16 times by Wiens in the Dresden courtroom where she was to testify against him.

She had filed a complaint against him in 2008, accusing him of insulting her with racial slurs, calling her a "terrorist" and "Islamist" during an altercation.

Her husband was stabbed and suffered serious injuries when he intervened to protect her. The couple's three-year-old son was in the courtroom and witnessed the attack.



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A Muslim man demonstrates near the entrance to the court in Dresden, Germany, yesterday.

Egyptians expressed outrage at the attack and an initially low-key German response, which many viewed as a sign of racism and anti-Muslim sentiment.

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UN official calls for fast

Nearly 200 million children in poor countries have stunted growth because they don't get enough to eat, according to a new report published by UNICEF yesterday before a three-day international summit on the problem of world hunger.

The head of the UN food agency, meanwhile, called on the world to join him in a day of fasting ahead of the summit to highlight the plight of one billion hungry people. Jacques Diouf, director general of the Food and Agriculture Organization, said he hoped the fast would encourage action by world leaders who will take part in the meeting at his agency's headquarters starting Monday.

More than 90 per cent of those children live in Africa and Asia, and more than a third of all deaths in that age group are linked to undernutrition, according to UNICEF. South Asia is a particular hotspot for the problem, with just Afghanistan, Nepal, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan accounting for 83 million hungry children under five.

The agency also launched an online petition against world hunger through a web page featuring a video with Diouf counting from one to six to remind visitors that every six seconds a child dies from hunger.

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Netanyahu, Sarkozy fail to bridge differences

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and French President Nicolas Sarkozy have tried to find ways to revive Mideast peace efforts but announced no progress on their differences over Jewish settlements. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

MISSOURI Authorities were searching a rural property yesterday for glass jars with notes written by children who allegedly were abused by relatives 20 years ago. Five members of a family were arrested Tuesday. Police said a woman told them alleged victims buried jars with messages "about what was happening to them." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Abused dogs finding homes

Dozens of pit bulls netted in the largest dogfighting raid in U.S. history are finding homes despite some who predicted aggression or trauma would make them unsuitable as pets.

More than 120 of the animals have been placed in foster homes or are headed there this week through the efforts of rescue groups throughout the U.S. In the days leading up to the July 8 raid, the Humane Society secured a cavernous industrial warehouse in St. Louis that it transformed into an emergency shelter for the hundreds of dogs seized. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hungary **Brothers from different mothers**

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Zimba, a male lion cub, right, and Bogi, a male Puli dog, are seen at a zoo east of Budapest yesterday. Zimba was donated to the zoo by a private donor in Italy, and will be raised by Bogi.

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Georgia, Russia face off over detained fishermen
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Kandahar remembers the fallen

Defence Minister Peter MacKay and Industry Minister Tony Clement attended Remembrance Day ceremonies in Kandahar, Afghanistan, yesterday.

They joined representatives of the families of seven deceased soldiers, Kandahar Gov. Tooryalai Wesa and military commanders in laying wreaths by a cenotaph commemorating the 133 Canadian soldiers who have died as part of the Afghan mission.

Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance, commander of Task Force Kandahar, compared the sacrifices of Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan with those of previous generations.

"We are reminded today that former generations have had to fight, have had to endure hardship and have sacrificed to win freedom from Canada and people around the world," Vance said.

"They set high standards and won respect for the total commitment represented by a nation employing armed forces at war."

> **"It's an emotional and very healing experience.,"**
> Nicole Starker

Vance and MacKay awarded a Sacrifice Medal to Sgt. Vince Adams, who was badly wounded during a previous tour in 2006.

The representatives of the families of the seven soldiers met with Canadian and Afghan military leaders.

It is the fifth such visit arranged by the military, which aims to help relatives cope with the grieving process.

"It's an emotional and very healing experience," said Nicole Starker, whose husband Cpl. Michael Starker was killed in a gunfight with Taliban in 2008.

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A soldier salutes before a wall bearing the names of fallen comrades during Remembrance Day in Kandahar yesterday.

France, Germany seal friendship

EUROPE The war that tore Europe apart was remembered yesterday.

For the first time since the First World War, the leaders of Germany and France held a joint ceremony to commemorate the end of the conflict.

"French-German friendship is sealed with blood," French President Nicolas Sarkozy said under the shadow of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, with German Chancellor Angela Merkel at his side.

Together, they laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier and symbolically relit the perpetual flame above it to mark the 91st anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The bold departure from traditional Armistice Day commemorations came two days after Sarkozy travelled to Germany to help fete the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

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Remembered

- In Britain, people paused for the traditional two minutes of silence at 11 a.m.
- Queen Elizabeth laid a wreath of poppies on the Grave of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey in London.
- In Belgium, which saw some the bloodiest trench warfare, King Albert II led the royal family and government officials in mourning.

Two Koreas trade warnings

BATTLE South Korea yesterday deployed two warships to a disputed sea border, reports said, after a naval clash with North Korea.

Both sides blamed the other for Tuesday's two-minute clash in a crab-fishing area off the countries' west coast, where both sides regularly accuse the other of violations.

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U.K. puts time limit on DNA profiles

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U.S. military justice system 'not bloodthirsty': Expert

Though the suspect in the shooting rampage at Fort Hood could face the death penalty, he will be prosecuted in a military justice system where no one has been executed in nearly a half-century.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist alleged to have killed 13 people at the massive Army installation in Texas last week, might also benefit from protections the military gives defendants that are greater than those in civilian federal courts.

"Our military justice system is not bloodthirsty. That's clear," said Eugene R. Fidell, who teaches military law at Yale.

Much about Hasan's case will be decided by a senior Army officer — perhaps Lt. General Robert Cone, Fort Hood's commander — including whether to seek the death penalty and, in the event Hasan is convicted of capital murder, whether to commute a possible death sentence to life in prison.

Maj. Hasan

Before a military execution can be carried out, the president must approve.

George W. Bush signed an execution order last year for a former Army cook who was convicted of multiple rapes and murders in the 1980s, but a federal judge has stayed that order to allow for a new round of appeals in federal court. There hasn't been a military execution since 1961, though five men sit on the military's death row at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Experts said the decision to prosecute Hasan in military court appears clear cut.

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Priest, 81, accused of raping teen in 1968

INDIANA An 81-year-old Catholic priest living in Indiana faces extradition to Ireland on charges that he raped a teenage boy in 1968.

A federal magistrate yesterday ordered that the Rev. Francis Markey remain jailed pending extradition proceedings, the South Bend Tribune reported.

U.S. marshals arrested Markey at his home in northern Indiana.

When the magistrate asked Markey if he had any questions, he answered "I'm at a loss," adding that he has had a stroke.

Markey is accused of raping a 15-year-old boy during a religious pilgrimage in County Donegal and again after his father's funeral.

The magistrate set a Nov. 16 hearing to give Markey time to hire a lawyer.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the University of Notre Dame say Markey is not affiliated with them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Workers protest in Ireland over state-paid cuts

IRELAND About 3,500 nurses, police officers, firefighters, prison guards and paramedics have marched through Dublin to protest the government's plans to slash €1.3 billion ($2 billion) from the annual paycheques of state-paid workers.

Yesterday's rally down Dublin's major thoroughfare O'Connell Street foreshadows a planned nationwide strike Nov. 24 by hundreds of thousands of unionized workers on the government payroll.

Labour union leaders say the government should look elsewhere to slash its spending in an emergency deficit-fighting budget to be unveiled Dec. 9. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yemeni rebel says Saudis creating 'no-man's land'
Saudi Arabia is trying to set up a 'no-man's land' buffer zone inside Yemen after its week-long offensive against the Yemeni Shiite insurgents along the border, a rebel spokesman said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Paleontologist Adam Yates, second left, displays fossilized bones of a new dinosaur species, Aardonyx celestae.

New dinosaur species 'significant'

A newly discovered dinosaur species that roamed the Earth about 200 million years ago may help explain how the creatures evolved into the largest animals on land, scientists in South Africa said yesterday.

The Aardonyx celestae was a seven metre-long small-headed herbivore with a huge barrel of a chest. It walked on its hind legs but also could drop to all fours, and scientists said that could prove to be a missing evolutionary link.

This is a species "that no one has seen before and one that has a very significant position in the family tree of dinosaurs," said Australian paleontologist Adam Yates.

Yates, based at the University of the Witwatersrand's Bernard Price Institute for Paleontological Research, led the research with a number of other local and international scientists.

Their findings were published yesterday in the Proceedings of The Royal Society B, a London-based peer-reviewed journal.

The discovery of the new species was made by postgraduate student Marc Blackbeard, who was excavating two sites in central South Africa about five years ago.

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Peruvian 'hardware store' stuns doctors

LIMA "They call me the hardware store," says Requelme Abanto from his hospital bed in Cajamarca in northern Peru.

Doctors say they removed 1.5 pounds of metal from Abanto's stomach, including nails, coins, and rusted copper wire and scrap metal.

Cajamarca hospital surgeon Carlos Delgado said yesterday that he's never seen anything like what he found in last week's operation. "We went in thinking it could be appendicitis, but weren't we surprised by what we found — a hole in his stomach," Delgado said.

Delgado said specialists are examining Abanto's mental health.

The 26-year-old construction worker ate the metal for months, and told Peru's Channel 9 television that he may now do it in public "as sport."

"I swallowed 17 nails in February and didn't die," he said. "Five-inch nails, all in one day."

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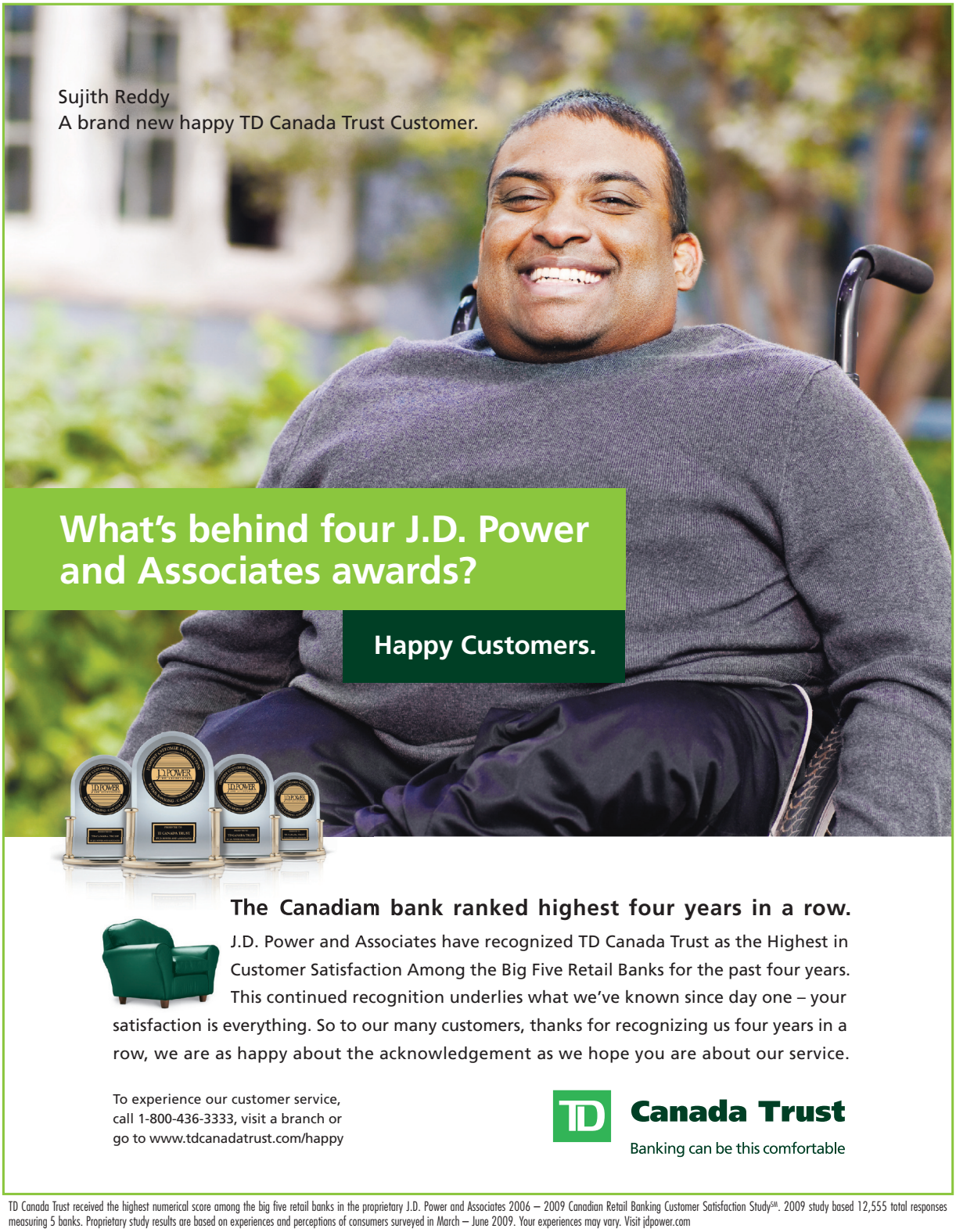
Suspected IRA man charged in 1977 murder

N.IRELAND A suspected Irish Republican Army man was charged yesterday with the murder of a British Army intelligence agent, Capt. Robert Nairac, on the Northern Ireland border 32 years ago, a surprising turn in one of the conflict's most mysterious killings.

Northern Ireland state prosecutors levied the unexpected new charge at a regular bail hearing for Kevin Crilly. Last year the 58-year-old was arrested and charged with kidnapping and falsely imprisoning Nairac in May 1977.

Six IRA members have already served prison sentences for their part in overpowering Nairac. Three were convicted of his murder. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Serious about skivvies

Relating

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The bottomless mysteries of our relationships — and corporate desire to offer a product as the key to those mysteries — results in a lot of dubious data for your delectation.

British papers this week, for example, seriously depleted their supply of punning "pants" headlines and David Beckham underwear shots to report on a study of men's gitch-buying habits and what they tell us about modern couples.

"Study" is a grand word for what was really a customer survey British retailer Debenhams released to the media in hopes of a little publicity and a few sales of underwear.

Among the shocking findings: For most of their lives, guys let their skivvies. The job falls first to their moms, and then girlfriends and wives.

It's hardly a revelation that women are the biggest buyers of these items. The abenhanced models on the packaging do not seem designed to coax cash out of the wallet of the typical straight male.

There are, of course, exceptions, and here is where the alleged insight into relationships comes in. Men, according to the crack scientific team at Debenhams, will shell out for new underwear when single, desperately trying to head off a breakup, or looking for a new relationship.

The message from Debenhams might be parsed as thus: Girls, better come in and stock up to ensure your man isn't getting any ideas. If he's purchased some of our quality men's undergarments, thereby making himself irresistible to the ladies, he may be up to something.

"Men, according to the crack scientific team at Debenhams, will shell out for new underwear when single, desperately trying to head off a breakup, or looking for a new relationship."

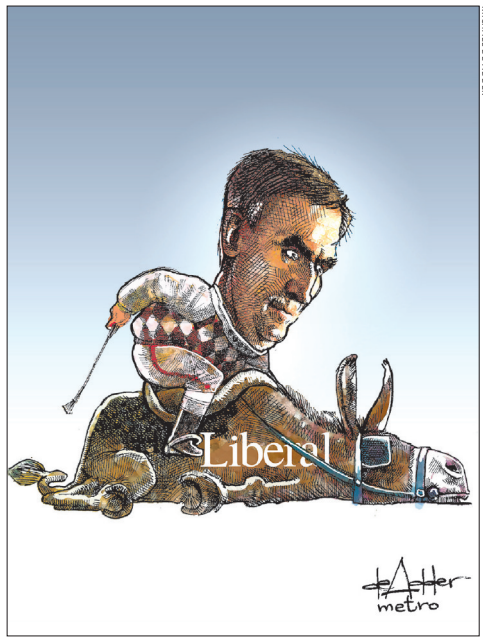
There's also a less-than-subtle hint to the single man that perhaps what you need in order to correct that condition is a requisition of underwear, and Debenhams disinterestedly puts the recommended dosage of this cure at somewhere more than 31 pairs per annum.

I'm not sure I follow the logic of this dating strategy. It seems to me that if a potential mate is seeing you in your underwear, things are already going quite well. Certainly, if one is expecting company, a pair without holes is ideal, but beyond that, are brand and vintage really likely to make much difference?

Single women, Debenhams doesn't explicitly say, but would probably agree, might take to patrolling the underwear racks to spot the eligible, though this seems a little sad.

In all, Debenhams' survey tells us little about our relationships apart from the fact that they sell underwear and very much would like to sell more.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.



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Views

Boring investments can be beautiful

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Perhaps it's a sure sign of broad economic recovery, or maybe it's that longer term thinking is, if only momentarily, trumping the short-term perspective that usually dominates investing.

Whatever the reason, boring bricks-and-mortar type investments have become alluring. Earlier this month, Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway made his "all-in wager on the economic future of the United States" by spending $44 billion US to buy the 77 per cent of Burlington Northern Santa Fe that he didn't already own. The railroad buy is the largest single acquisition in Berkshire Hathaway's history.

Major Canadian investors are also making big bets in primary industries and infrastructure. In September, Regina-based Viterra Inc. jumped into the front ranks of global grain handlers by completing a four-month, $1.5-billion takeover of Australia's ABB Grain Ltd. Also in September, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board picked up a 35.5 per cent share of Bristol International Airport.

More recently, we've seen the CPP Investment Board teaming up with Teachers to buy an Australian toll road operator, Transurban Group. CPP Investment Board is also partnering with a private U.S. fund, TPG Capital, in a $5.2-billion takeover of U.S.-based IMS Health, a company providing market intelligence to the pharmaceutical and health-care industries.

There are several reasons why such straightforward investments are desirable, starting with the fact they're readily understandable and have track records, unlike many technology plays. Fundamental businesses like railroads and health care reflect long-term economic trends — the cost-efficient, even "green," movement of goods in a growing economy in the case of railroads, and the provision of services to a growing older population in the instance of health care.

Infrastructure also has charms. Toll roads, airports, power generation and transmission and ports typically operate in stable regulatory environments and tend to provide steady, inflation-adjusted returns over long periods.

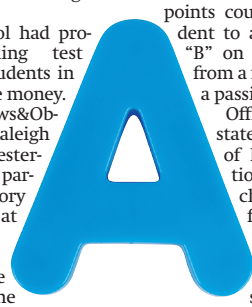
Pension investors like the CPP Investment Board have long had a soft spot for infrastructure investments. By necessity, pension funds have an eye to what their liabilities are going to look like a couple of decades from now, so buying and holding reliable cash generators like airports and roads is helpful.

But even investors with shorter time horizons can benefit from a mix of basic businesses and infrastructure that ensure participation in economic upturns while helping to moderate downturns. Water and sewage companies or roads and tunnels may not be glamorous, but unlike tech darlings or trendy retailers, they'll deliver investment returns year after year.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

Worth mentioning

Cash-for-grade upgrade school fundraiser nixed



Administrators have called off a North Carolina middle school's cash-for-grades fundraiser.

The school had proposed selling test scores to students in a bid to raise money.

The News&Observer of Raleigh reported yesterday that a parent advisory council at Rosewood Middle School came up with the fundraising plan after last year's chocolate sale flopped.

The school planned to sell 20 test points to students for $20.

Students would have been able to add 10 extra points to each of two tests of their choice. The extra points could take a student to an "A" from a "B" on those tests or from a failing grade to a passing grade.

Officials at the state Department of Public Instruction said exchanging grades for money teaches children the wrong lessons.

School district administrators apparently agreed and quashed the fundraiser later yesterday. No extra credit will be awarded and any donated money will be returned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Storms deal Intact $8M quarterly loss

INSURANCE A stormy summer season left insurer Intact Financial Corp., the former ING Canada, with a loss in the third quarter as more people filed claims, while its chief executive said higher premiums could be developing across the industry.

A positive automobile underwriting performance was offset by severe weather over the summer — including hail in Alberta and heavy rain and tornadoes in Ontario and Quebec — that mainly affected property insurance results, president and CEO Charles Brindamour said.

Canada's largest home and auto insurer reported a net loss of $8 million or seven cents per share in the last quarter — a drop from profit of $57.3 million or 47 cents per share a year earlier. Analysts had expected earnings per share of 24 cents.

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Lure of new media

Advertisers mull taking their message online

New forms of digital marketing and advertising are gaining ground as consumer goods firms and retailers look for more cost-effective ways to get their message across, a survey by Ipsos Reid found.

However, Canadian companies remain challenged by their lack of knowledge about these forms of advertising, Ipsos-Reid president Steve Levy said yesterday. And mobile applications are hampered by Canada's costly and uncompetitive mobile communications infrastructure, he told a digital marketing conference in Toronto.

Newspapers

- Newspapers remain the largest advertising medium in Canada, accounting for one-quarter of all advertising dollars, according to the Canadian Newspaper Association.

When advertisers and their agencies were asked about their spending intentions for next year, 80 per cent said they planned to spend more on online media, 57 per cent mentioned email and 46 per cent were looking at more mobile applications. But digital media remains a relatively small segment of advertisers' total budgets, the conference heard.

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China Economy back on track

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A worker pushes goods outside the textile wholesale market yesterday in Beijing. The slump in China's exports eased last month as industrial output and retail sales rose sharply, the government said, showing that recovery in the world's third-largest economy was firmly on track.

Auto parts maker sees sales surge

UNI-SELECT Auto parts company Uni-Select Inc. said its third-quarter sales surged nearly 17 per cent, but profits slipped because of losses incurred from sale of a division.

The Quebec-based parts distributor said yesterday that sales were $359.2 million in the period compared to $308.2 million a year earlier.

The increase was primarily due to previous acquisitions, 4.2 per cent growth in sales from existing stores and foreign currency conversations.

Net income was $7.9 million, compared to $12.35 million in 2008.

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Business in brief

MAVRIX FUND Asset management company Mavrix Fund Management Inc. said yesterday it is cutting 10 staff members to "better align costs and staffing levels with current assets under management," as the firm suffers from an investment falloff that has hampered many in the industry during the economic downturn.

In a realignment of management of several of its mutual funds, the company said sales and marketing teams of Mavrix and GrowthWorks will work collaboratively to sell Mavrix specialty mutual funds and flow-through funds.

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Fifty per cent drop in revenue widens C.A. Bancorp losses

C.A. Bancorp Inc.'s third-quarter loss widened as revenues slipped almost 50 per cent, the merchant bank and money manager said yesterday. During the July-September period, it lost $1.9 million or seven cents a share. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

MINING Bridgeport Ventures Inc., a junior Toronto miner, says it has closed a deal to acquire Rio Condor Resources S.A., a private Chilean company that owns the rights to the Rosario copper-gold property in Chile. Under terms of the agreement, announced yesterday, Bridgeport will issue 1.2 million common shares, and pay $2,000 US to acquire Rio Condor. Bridgeport will also assume Rio Condor's obligation to pay $10.4 million US to acquire a 100 per cent stake in the Rosario and Tamara I properties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario company wins U.S. space contract

Com Dev International Ltd. says its American unit has won a contract worth more than $7 million US to provide microwave equipment for a U.S. government space program.

The latest deal follows a contract announced last month, the company, based in Cambridge, said yesterday.

Design and production work will be done at Com Dev's manufacturing plant in El Segundo, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles. Delivery is scheduled for the middle of fiscal 2011.

"In the past month we have announced over $20 million of new contract wins for work on three separate satellites."
Dan White, Com Dev president

"In the past month we have announced over $20 million of new contract wins for work on three separate satellites," said Dan White, president of Com Dev USA. "We begin our 2010 fiscal year with a very healthy backlog that should allow us to maintain the momentum we have established at our El Segundo facility. We achieved or exceeded all our major targets in 2009 and we are very excited about continuing to execute our growth strategy."

In trading on the TSX, Com Dev shares fell three cents to $3.76.

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The sun sets on a Shoppers Drug Mart store in Toronto. Shoppers reported an increase in Q3 profits based on prescription sales.

Prescriptions boost profits

Shoppers Drug Mart Corp. says profits moved higher in the third quarter as more people filled their prescriptions at the retailer, helping drive up overall sales from a year earlier.

The Toronto-based company reported net income of $171 million or 79 cents per share for the quarter ended Sept. 30, an increase from a year-ago profit of $160 million or 74 cents.

The results missed analyst expectations of 80 cents per share, according to Thomson Reuters.

Shoppers said the 6.6 per cent increase in profit was driven by strong sales growth, improved purchasing synergies and a continued emphasis on cost reduction, productivity and efficiency.

Prescription sales accounted for nearly half of the sales mix, and moved up almost 10 per cent to $1.5 billion.

Quarterly revenues totalled $3 billion, up from $2.8 billion last year.

"We are pleased with our third-quarter results and our performance thus far in 2009, as we continue to deliver growth in these challenging economic times," said Jurgen Schreiber, Shoppers president and chief executive officer.

The company said profits were partially offset by increased amortization and higher expenses as it continues to expand its store network and step up investments in pricing and promotional activities.

Research Capital Corp. analyst Robert Cavallo said while the results were mostly in line with his expectations, he was surprised by the expenses.

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Zambrano's mother rescued
The mother of former major league pitcher Victor Zambrano has been rescued after a three-day kidnapping ordeal, Venezuelan authorities said yesterday. Elizabeth Mendez Zambrano, 56, was rescued late Tuesday during a "commando-style operation" in the central state of Aragua, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Junior is back again

Ken Griffey Jr., left, and the Mariners have agreed to another one-year contract that will keep the popular player in Seattle next year. Griffey, who turns 40 on Nov. 21, is likely to again be a part-time designated hitter in his 22nd season in the major leagues. Griffey is No. 5 on the career home run list with 630.
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Leafs hope Schenn's rookie form returns

MAPLE LEAFS Luke Schenn and his coach Ron Wilson both agree on the problem. The sophomore Maple Leafs defenceman has lost his physical edge.

Where they differ is in how it got to this point; how Schenn, the darling of the fans and media during his sudden impact rookie campaign, is suddenly making very little impact at all.

In a city where every hockey nuance plays out under a microscope, it's an issue that isn't likely to go away, at least not until Schenn gets his grit together. Especially with blueliner Mike Komisarek now out with a leg injury.

Luke Schenn

The Leafs aren't yet able or willing to say how long Komisarek will be sidelined, but he didn't practise yesterday. So if he misses some games, that will only put more focus on Schenn, who should be contributing intensity similar to what the ailing veteran typically provides.

But it hasn't been there for Schenn this season, much to the frustration of the Leafs.

"Hopefully it doesn't come to him sitting out games to get a message across," Wilson said after yesterday's practice.

Wilson believes there's an almost unavoidable complacency that sets in for players after a big freshman season. They're human. They hear the compliments. They start to think they've got it made.

"In your second year, you're a little content. Your first year kind of went your way a little bit and you come in relaxed and you don't have the same drive or hunger. It's up to me as a coach to get that out of him," said Wilson.

Schenn doesn't see it that way. He still exudes an endearing awe about the surroundings in which he finds himself; being a just-turned 20-year-old in the centre of the hockey universe and all.

"I don't think so," he said of the self-satisfaction theory. "You've got to earn everything that you get here. It's a privilege to play in this league especially on this team with the Leafs. Complacent is the last thing you want to be."

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Raps gore Bulls

Bosh scores 28 as Toronto ends short skid

NBA RESULT

Chicago 89 **Toronto** 99

CHICAGO BULLS AT RAPTORS

Chris Bosh had 28 points and 11 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors ended a two-game losing streak last night with a 99-89 win over the Chicago Bulls.

Jose Calderon added 18 points while Andrea Bargnani chipped in with 16 as the Raptors (4-4) fell just short of reaching the 100-point mark for a team-record eighth straight game. Hedo Turkoglu scored 11 points, while rookie DeMar DeRozan set career bests with nine points and nine rebounds.

Luol Deng and Taj Gibson had 18 points apiece for the Bulls (4-4), who lost their second straight following a three-game winning streak. Derrick Rose added 14 points, six assists and five rebounds in defeat as Chicago followed a 60-point first half by scoring just 29 points on 25 per cent shooting (10-for-40) over the final 24 minutes.

Toronto trailed by one entering the fourth quarter, but kept things close for the first six minutes. A Calderon layup with 5:27 left vaulted the Raptors into the lead before Bulls forward Joakim Noah was handed a clear-path foul for grabbing Bargnani's jersey as the seven-foot Italian was heading in for an uncontested shot.

Bargnani made both free throws, and Calderon hit a 22-foot jumper on the ensuing possession to give Toronto a 93-88 advantage.

Following a pair of defensive stops, Calderon added a wide-open layup with 2:57 left as the Raptors took their largest lead of the half.
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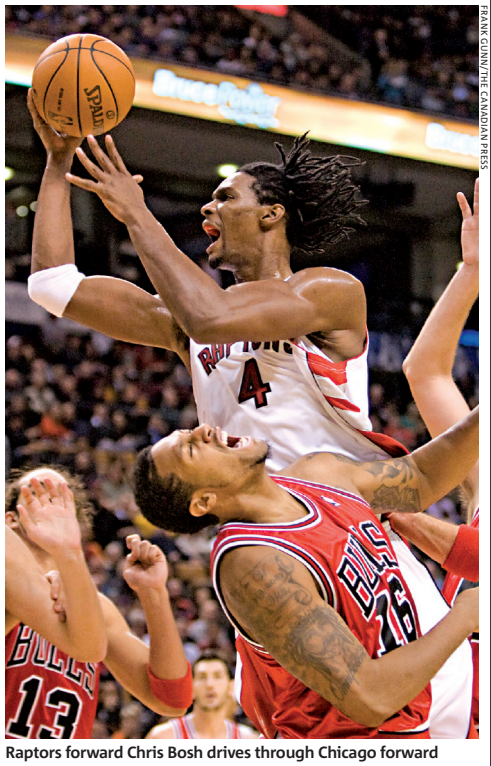
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Raptors forward Chris Bosh drives through Chicago forward James Johnson on his way to the hoop last night in Toronto.

Argos fan wants compensation for 'pain and suffering'

CFL The Argonauts' dismal season may be over, but the problems continue — one of their season-ticket holders is threatening to sue them for breach of contract.

Not only does photographer Craig Roberts of Guelph want his money back, he is also demanding to be reimbursed for parking, the price of "18 hotdogs, 12 bags of peanuts and assorted other refreshments."

He also wants "an undisclosed amount for unnecessary pain and suffering."

While Roberts admits his cause is "a bit tongue in cheek," he has approached several lawyers. So far, none has chosen to take the case.

"It's just not entertaining," he said of Argo games. "I left the games feeling I was cheated."

Though Roberts is entering the final year of a three-season package — which has seen the team win seven of 36 games — he says he probably won't renew for 2010.

"After that, I'll probably go to the Bills games," he said, apparently unaware of that team's record.

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Sports in brief

TYSON Police say Mike Tyson has been detained on suspicion of battery after an alleged altercation with a photographer at Los Angeles International Airport.
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Sudan named neutral venue if playoff match needed

Sudan will be the neutral venue if an African World Cup qualifying playoff match is needed between Group C rivals Egypt and Algeria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

SWIMMING Michael Phelps finished second in the 200-metre medley final at the short-course World Cup yesterday, struggling in the old-style swimsuit that will become standard next year. Phelps, who won a record eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, clocked a time of one minute 53.93 seconds. He was more than two seconds behind South Africa's Darian Townsend, who won in 1:51.79.

H1N1 The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League has postponed three games after some players on the Shawinigan Cataractes and P.E.I. Rocket contracted the H1N1 virus. Shawinigan's games against Acadie-Bathurst Friday and the Rocket Saturday were postponed, along with P.E.I.'s game against Baie-Comeau Friday.

NHL Atlanta Thrashers star Ilya Kovalchuk's return from a foot injury will have to wait at least one more game. Team spokesman Rob Koch said Kovalchuk did not accompany the Thrashers to New York yesterday for tonight's game against the Rangers.

FOOTBALL Bernd Dittrich, a quarterback with the Simon Fraser Clan, died yesterday. He was 21. The cause has yet to be determined. Dittrich was taken to hospital Tuesday night after losing consciousness in a swimming pool on campus.

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Hundreds of mourners light candles yesterday during a church service for Germany's national team and Hannover 96 goalkeeper Robert Enke in Hannover, Germany.

Suicide stuns Germany

Top goalkeeper battled depression for years: Wife

The suicide death of Robert Enke left Germany stunned yesterday, sending the soccer-obsessed country into mourning and leaving the national team without its top goalkeeper for next year's World Cup.

Enke's widow appeared at a news conference, broadcast live throughout the country, saying her husband battled depression for years before he stepped onto the tracks and got hit by an express train Tuesday evening not far from his home.

"I tried to be there for him," Teresa Enke said, choking back tears.

"We thought we'd manage everything. We thought with love, we could do it. But you can't."

Hundreds of people filed into Markkirche, a Lutheran church, yesterday evening to attend a religious service and then march silently to Hannover's soccer stadium to honour Enke, who was the local club's captain.

Robert Enke

Germany coach Joachim Loew and captain Michael Ballack were among those attending the service, and the German soccer federation cancelled an exhibition against Chile slated for Saturday. Hannover cancelled all practices until Monday.

Enke had a good chance of being Germany's starting goalkeeper at next year's World Cup in South Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forbes again lists Leafs as NHL's most valuable team

WORTH For the fourth straight year, the Toronto Maple Leafs are the NHL's most valuable team, according to Forbes magazine's annual survey.

The Leafs are worth $470 million US, an increase of five per cent over last year. They easily are worth more than the next franchise, the New York Rangers at $416 million, up just one per cent.

The original six franchises are in the top seven, with only Philadelphia at No. 5 breaking that monopoly. Montreal is third ($339 million), followed by Detroit ($337 million), Philadelphia ($273 million), Boston ($271 million) and Chicago ($258 million).

The Vancouver Canucks ($239 million) were the next highest Canadian team coming in at ninth. Calgary ($200 million) was 16th; Ottawa ($197 million) 17th; and Edmonton ($166 million) — the lowest-valued Canadian team — at 24th.

Chicago has the biggest rise in value, up 26 per cent, followed by Washington at 15 per cent to $183 million.

The Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins rank 11th at $222 million.

The average value of the 30 teams is $223 million, a slight increase over the $220 million of 2008.

Not surprisingly, the Phoenix Coyotes, with all their ownership issues, have the lowest worth, $138 million. And 14 teams — nearly half the league — went down in value, ranging from Colorado decreasing by 11 per cent to Philadelphia falling one per cent.

Toronto has, by far, the most operating income, $78.9 million, Forbes reported. Second in operating income is Montreal at $31.3 million.

The Leafs are tops in revenues, too, at $168 million, followed by the Rangers at $139 million.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	PT
d-Washington	17	10	3	4	24
d-Pittsburgh	18	12	6	0	24
d-Buffalo	14	9	4	1	19
New Jersey	15	11	4	0	22
N.Y. Rangers	18	10	7	1	21
Philadelphia	14	9	4	1	19
Ottawa	15	8	5	2	18
Boston	17	8	7	2	18
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Tampa Bay	15	6	4	5	17
N.Y. Islanders	17	6	6	5	17
Montreal	18	8	10	0	16
Atlanta	14	7	6	1	15
Florida	15	5	9	1	11
TORONTO	**16**	**3**	**8**	**5**	**11**
Carolina	16	2	11	3	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	PT
d-San Jose	19	13	4	2	28
d-Colorado	18	12	4	2	26
d-Columbus	16	9	5	2	20
Calgary	16	11	4	1	23
Los Angeles	18	10	6	2	22
Chicago	16	9	5	2	20
Phoenix	17	10	7	0	20
Dallas	17	7	4	6	20
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Vancouver	19	10	9	0	20
Edmonton	18	8	8	2	18
Detroit	15	7	5	3	17
St. Louis	16	6	6	4	16
Nashville	16	7	8	1	15
Anaheim	15	6	7	2	14
Minnesota	17	7	10	0	14

YESTERDAY

Buffalo 3 Edmonton 1
New Jersey 3 Anaheim 1
Los Angeles 5 Carolina 2
Detroit 9 Columbus 1
N.Y. Islanders at Washington
Colorado at Chicago

TODAY

Florida at Boston
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers
Ottawa at Philadelphia
New Jersey at Pittsburgh
Minnesota at Tampa Bay
Vancouver at Detroit
Nashville at St. Louis
Montreal at Phoenix
Dallas at San Jose

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	7	1	.875	-
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	3.5
TORONTO	**3**	**4**	**.429**	**3.5**
New York	1	7	.125	6
New Jersey	0	7	.000	6.5

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	6	1	.857	-
Orlando	6	2	.750	.5
Atlanta	5	2	.714	1
Charlotte	3	4	.429	3
Washington	2	6	.250	4.5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	-
Chicago	4	3	.571	-
Cleveland	4	3	.571	-
Detroit	3	4	.429	1
Indiana	2	3	.400	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	5	2	.714	-
Houston	4	3	.571	1
San Antonio	3	3	.500	1.5
New Orleans	3	5	.375	2.5
Memphis	1	7	.125	4.5

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	6	2	.750	-
Portland	5	3	.625	1
Oklahoma City	3	4	.429	2.5
Utah	3	4	.429	2.5
Minnesota	1	7	.125	5

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Phoenix	7	1	.875	-
L.A. Lakers	6	1	.857	.5
Sacramento	4	4	.500	3
L.A. Clippers	3	5	.375	4
Golden State	2	4	.333	4

YESTERDAY

TORONTO 99 Chicago 89
Indiana 108 Golden State 94
Utah at Boston
Atlanta at New York
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Charlotte at Detroit
Denver at Milwaukee
Cleveland at Orlando
Portland at Minnesota
Memphis at Houston
Dallas at San Antonio
New Orleans at Phoenix
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers

TODAY

Cleveland at Miami
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

NFL

AFC

EAST

	W	L	T	PCT
New England	6	2	0	.750
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0	.500
Miami	3	5	0	.375
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375

SOUTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Indianapolis	8	0	0	1.000
Houston	5	4	0	.556
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250

NORTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500
Cleveland	1	7	0	.125

WEST

	W	L	T	PCT
Denver	6	2	0	.750
San Diego	5	3	0	.625
Oakland	2	6	0	.250
Kansas City	1	7	0	.125

NFC

EAST

	W	L	T	PCT
Dallas	6	2	0	.750
Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556
Washington	2	6	0	.250

SOUTH

	W	L	T	PCT
New Orleans	8	0	0	1.000
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625
Carolina	3	5	0	.375
Tampa Bay	1	7	0	.125

NORTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Minnesota	7	1	0	.875
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500
Chicago	4	4	0	.500
Detroit	1	7	0	.125

WEST

	W	L	T	PCT
Arizona	5	3	0	.625
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375
Seattle	3	5	0	.375
St. Louis	1	7	0	.125

TODAY

Chicago at San Francisco

SUNDAY

Buffalo at Tennessee
Denver at Washington
Tampa Bay at Miami
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
New Orleans at St. Louis
Atlanta at Carolina
Detroit at Minnesota
Kansas City at Oakland
Dallas at Green Bay
Philadelphia at San Diego
Seattle at Arizona
New England at Indianapolis

MONDAY

Baltimore at Cleveland

Pakistan fashion week
Last week Pakistan's top designers and models took part in the country's first-ever fashion week. The four-day event, which was postponed twice due to security fears, took place in Karachi, the country's largest and most cosmopolitan city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Style

Charmed by Barbie

Thomas Sabo has introduced a new collection inspired by the ultimate "Charm Girl" — Barbie. The collection, called Barbie Cult, includes a sparkling variety of sterling silver charms in various forms such as a poodle, nail polish bottle, purse, shoe, lipstick and much more. Each charm is sold separately, ranging in price from $45 to $89. The charms are availale across Canada at European Jewellry stores. You can also visit thomassabo.com for availability by location. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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No more plain Jane

The Mary Jane upgrades her style and versatility

TREND Traditionally, Mary Jane shoes were worn by young girls for formal wear. But today's wide variety make it clear that this strappy footwear is all grown up and intended for women only.

From sequin and stud-adorned to the modern platform styles in bright hues and patent leather, the Mary Janes of today exhibit a versatility never seen before.

Here's a selection that varies from a typical day at the office (see Le Chateau's ribbon shoe or Feet First's blue suede pair) to a night out on the town (see Town Shoes' flowered stiletto or Aldo's sequin-adorned pumps).

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Studded Mary Jane, Winners ($79.99)

Kelis Dagger Mary Jane with flower embellishment, Town Shoes ($269)

Grey Mary Jane with ribbon, Le Chateau ($59.95).

Blue suede Mary Jane, Feet First ($99.99)

Red patent leather Mary Jane, Spring ($44.99). Visit myspringshoes.com.

Carlos Falchi purple Mary Jane, The Shoe Company ($59.99).

Silver sparkle Mary Jane, Aldo ($70). Visit aldoshoes.com.

GETTY IMAGES

Madonna rocks the Mary Jane trend with three-strapped black platform pumps

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Preview Lundström collection

Explore Lundström's spring 2010 collection prior to its release this Friday and Saturday at Eleven boutique in Yorkville. Guests will even get to meet fashion designer Linda Lundström, who will make a special appearance on Saturday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Meow mix

Can you spot the feline trend?

Jeans, Accessity ($280).

It's a trend that seemingly has nine lives.

The spotted patterns of leopards, cheetahs and ocelots are like catnip to designers. Big cat prints return again and again to fashion.

They showed up in the fall collections of Oscar de la Renta on an elegant gown, all over a chic coat at D&G and covering the skin-tight dresses at Blumarine. Accessories also are where the wild things are this season.

Why the soft spot for wild spots?

"We are hunters and gatherers and there is something reassuring about animal prints," says Oriella Stillo, owner of Accessity.

"And perhaps it compensates for our dull colouring compared to the animal world. By putting it on, it brings out that animal magnetism in all of us."

Her Yorkville boutique has pounced on this trend, with animal-patterned tights, jeans, earrings, scarves and hats.

And they will sell, she says. "It's like black. It doesn't go out of fashion. You never throw any away. There is no limited lifespan to it."

Another part of the appeal is the sense of decadence these patterns invoke – even though they are faux and man-made.

"A shoe or a bag adds a touch of luxury, a feeling of the exotic and wealth attached," notes Sarah Casselman, market editor of Fashion magazine. "It's a status symbol without being a logo or a brand.

"But," she adds, "I always say, when it comes to leopard, less is more."

Therein lies the key to taming this wild trend.

Pile it all on and it looks like a hellish cat fight. Wear just a single piece and it purrs perfection.

Hat, Holt Renfrew ($165).

Above: Cardigan, Joe Fresh ($24).
Below: Dexter pump, Payless Shoes ($39.99)

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Right: Pat McDonagh's 2010 spring collection shown at Toronto Fashion Week.

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YSL tops Forbes list
Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent has beaten Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley to the position of top earning dead celebrity, according to Forbes's 2009 rankings. In total, Saint Laurent earned US $350 million. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Skinny fit boots: Your options

New over the knee trend or altering works for women with slim calves

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

For some women, boot shopping season has them turning to thoughts of calf curls at the gym. Yup, that's right we're talking about you skinny legs!

Ever found the perfect boot with the perfect fit around the foot area, but just too much give in the calves?

Turns out finding boots for slender calves is just as tricky as sourcing generous fits. Stretch boots are an option because they typically have a narrower cut. Town Shoes' Crissi Giamos suggests the season's trendy over-the-knee boot as a solution. Fans of more classic styles, however, may have to resort to having their boots altered.

Linda Aprile, an administrative assistant at Marsh Canada, an insurance brokerage, had her leather boots taken in at Mr. Presto Shoe Repair in Toronto's TD Centre. "The shape didn't change at all; he did a great job," she says.

Owner Jimmy Langton says it's a labour-intensive effort that requires care and precision. "I do them when I'm less busy. They take more time than stretching because they have to be fitted to the customer, and what can and cannot be done has to be explained." He figures he does about 20 or 30 of those per year; the cost starts at about $65.

Kaner's Handbags & Shoe Repair in Toronto's Yorkville area also takes boots in; rates start at about $75. For a capable shoe craftsperson in your area, check with local shoe stores for a referral.

Great fits for narrow calves: Above: Aldo boot, $260. Below: Barbie overknee boot by Town Shoes, $275.

In brief

SHOPPING Three tips for bargain shopping: 1) Do your research. Comparison shop for the best deal, said Anne-Marie O'Neill, deputy editor of Real Simple magazine. 2) Talk to the right person. The sales person probably does not have the authority to give you a discount. 3) Express brand loyalty. Businesses like repeat customers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coated Python Print leggings from Macy's.

Exotic option

Snakeskin is a fashionable animal-print alternative

Skin is in — snakeskin, that is. Whether it's bags, boots or blouses, the marbled, textured snakeskin look seems to be fashion's new favourite alternative to more traditional animal prints.

It's not that snake — which, except at the very highest price points, is actually embossed leather or fabric in a snakeskin pattern — is new, but it seems fresher than now-ubiquitous leopard and cheetah spots.

Snake-print metallic clutch, Smart Set ($28).

Andrea Linett, creative director at Lucky magazine, predicts snake will hold on to that feeling of uniqueness even after being featured on many recent designer runways, including Alexander McQueen, Gucci, Kris Van Assche, Matthew Williamson and Herve Leger. Carolina Herrera's fully beaded rope-weave print shorts for spring had the effect of snakeskin gone glam.

There's a lot to be done with the snakeskin look, Linett says, and it easily navigates back and forth between sexy, edgy and classic.

"A snakeskin boot can be rock 'n' roll if it's in a rock 'n' roll shape, or it's classic if it's in a lady shape," Linett says. Other trends don't always have that privilege, she notes: Metal studs, for example, scream rock 'n' roll or a skirt suit announces a lady.

Snakeskin is "beautiful, rich and earthy," says Abbe Held, creative director of Kooba, known best as a handbag line. Because the surface is textured, there are highs and lows of colour, which instantly adds interest and dimension.

Held explains that she works with printed lambskin that's been cut by the tanner to create the scales that also help the leather hold up well over time.

The vintage vibe is also part of the appeal, she says. "It's neutral yet has so much character and personality."

"We're doing a lot of business on snakeskin, in shoes and handbags, especially," says Macy's group vice-president of ready-to-wear fashion Nicole Fischelis. The skin look complements strappy sandals and soft-shape bags, she notes, and a new twist is using a simulated snake print on leggings and tights.

Fischelis puts python in the same category of popularity with alligator- and crocodile-skin looks. "It's the fusion of things — the colours, the graphics, that you can wear it with dresses or sportswear — that makes it more interesting."

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Peterborough's Green Eyewear Optical offers eco-friendly specs.

Go green eyes

New Peterborough boutique offers eco eyewear brands

If you've always wanted green eyes – green as in eco-friendly – the newly opened Green Eyewear Optical in Peterborough has the specs for you.

Owned by opticians Shane and Amanda Palmer, the store is the first in Canada to call itself an "eco-optical boutique," Amanda says.

It offers several brands of eyewear made from recyclable or renewable materials: Budapest-based Tipton Eyeworks (tipton.hu), for example, repurposes vinyl records and celluloid film strips to produce its distinctive frames ($399), while LinkSkin (linkskin.com) encourages customers to return their old steel-and-plastic frames and cases ($399) to begin the Singapore company's "full-circle recycling system" anew.

Other frames are made of renewable materials such as bamboo, while a selection of never-worn vintage products saves stylish eyewear from the landfill.

In fact, the entire operation is eco-oriented, with energy efficient lighting, bamboo flooring, and shelving made from reclaimed barn boards.

Customers' used eyeglasses are even refurbished for donation to the Peterborough Lions Club.

More info: Green Eyewear Optical is at 374 George St. N., Peterborough, (705) 775-3937, greeneyewear.ca.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Heritage inspired collections

Angela Moore limited edition Canada 2010 bracelet ($69). Available at tabi.ca.

OLYMPICS With the Vancouver Olympics on the horizon, consumer appetite for patriotic apparel will undoubtedly grow as sports lovers and fashion fans seek out duds that boast Canadian colours and symbols to show their national pride.

While the Hudson's Bay Company creates the officially sanctioned clothing line for Canada's athletes at the 2010 Games, unveiled last month, other homegrown retailers are forging their own paths in celebration of Canadiana by releasing heritage-inspired lines.

The Canada Collection by Roots melds influences of Canadian history with the brand's varsity look and athletic heritage. The line includes tuques, scarves, watches, hoodies and hockey jerseys in a vintage-inspired palette of red, white, charcoal and grey mixes.

Tabi is also tapping into the winter sports domain with its limited edition collection of apparel and accessories.

The womenswear retailer zeroed in on hockey, curling and skating for their Olympic-inspired sweaters.

Tabi also teamed up with American jewelry designer Angela Moore on a limited edition hand-painted line of earrings, necklaces and bracelets, including pieces which depict winter sports such as skiing and bobsledding along with the Maple Leaf.

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DISCO DIVA

Metalic hues shine this holiday season!

ADVICE Scene-stealing lamé, sequins and brocade shone on the runways throughout the collections. Head-to-toe or as an accent, this shimmer effect lends a magical mood to dressing up. Offset all this glitter with simply cut styles, and keep the jewellery to a minimum.

Geometric metal, glass and ribbon necklace, Aldo Accessories ($30, aldoshoes.com)

Sequined miniskirt, Soaked in Luxury ($99, 1-800-463-8127)

Viscose dress with metal appliqués, Vero Moda ($95, 1-866-338-4392)

Sequined T-shirt, MICHAEL Michael Kors ($165, 1-866-733-5677)

Metallic-leather cut-out booties, Aldo ($110, aldoshoes.com)

Beaded satin clutch ($110, at Banana Republic)

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Sparkle into the night with sweet sequins and stones

Sequined Glitz clutch, Swarovski ($875, swarovski.ca)

Rhinestone flower brooch, Club Monaco ($49, clubmonaco.com)

Sequined pumps, Aldo ($90, aldoshoes.com)

PROMOTING CANADIAN FASHIONS

Amanda Brugel (left) and Gail McInnes, founders of The Style Box

Canadian fashion couldn't ask for more committed cheerleaders than Amanda Brugel and Gail McInnes. The glam pair recently opened The Style Box, a showroom featuring 25 Canadian fashion labels — including Coccolily, and Carlie Wong — from which celebs are invited to borrow. "We want Canadian designers to become household names," says Brugel. "We want to create a cross-promotional machine, with stars expanding the designers' brand power. We have gold buried here, and someone needs to let the rest of Canada know."

Editors' Pick

HIGH MAINTENANCE

Kérastase Chrome Thermique Reflection ($40)

If you colour your hair and can't bear the thought of parting with your flat iron, stock up on the latest addition to Kérastase's Thermique line: To counteract the negative effects of heat styling — colour fades faster and hair is stripped of shine — its Chroma Thermique Reflection leave-in treatment uses moisture-rich ceramide to repair damaged strands and a lustre-enhancing lipid to restore natural shine. To purchase Kérastase products, visit exclusive-beautyboutique.com.

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Pottery to highrises

The Davisville Pottery Company was originally located on Davisville Avenue which was the main source of activity through the 19th century. Wood and paper mills also existed in the area. Neither currently exists.

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One of the main arteries of Davisville Village, Mount Pleasant Road

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Beauty and the bustling street

Davisville
Spaces & Places

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With plenty of moxie on tap, Davisville Village is equal parts big-city lights and small-town charm.

The area which runs from Eglinton Avenue to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery and from Yonge Street to Bayview Avenue is proof that even the busiest of places can have a refreshing sense of community.

At the area's northwest corner, Yonge and Eglinton Centre is a lynchpin for the area's popular entertainment options, including the Silvercity Eglinton cinemas and scores of restaurants and bars frequented by Torontonians from across the city. The ensuing Mount Pleasant West corridor south of Eglinton running east from Yonge Street pulsates with cosmopolitan energy embodied by tall office and condo spires and streets filled with locals and travellers alike.

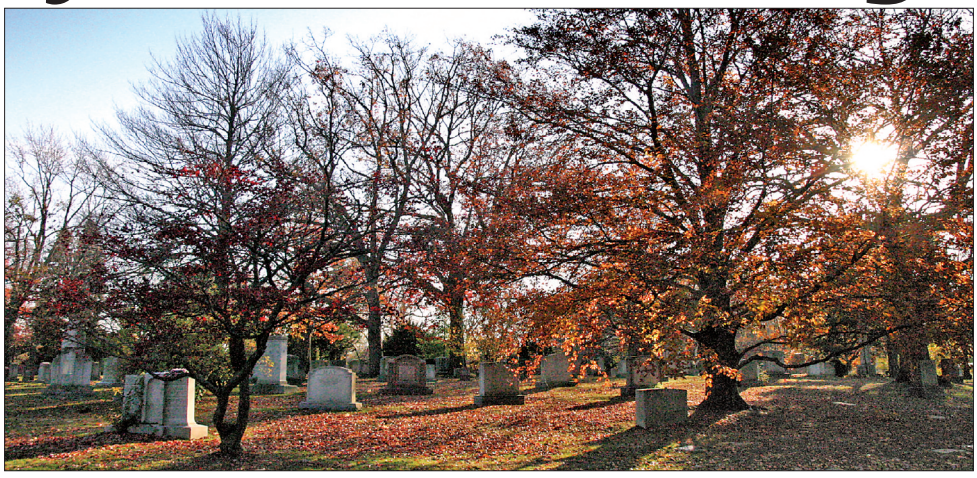
Mount Pleasant Road is the village's central artery and unlike the bustle and bright lights of Yonge and Eglinton, independent stores line the street side and residents outnumber tourists on the sidewalk.

Towards Bayview Avenue, the Mount Pleasant East corridor exudes old-world charm with residential streets famous for neighbours who actually talk to each other and charming homes planted on tree-lined roads.

Davisville Village contains a large variety of parks and other public green space making it popular among dog walkers and people who like to enjoy fresh air in a peaceful setting.

For avid joggers and walkers, the serene, winding pathways of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery are a popular choice to enjoy the tranquil beauty of an outdoor setting brimming with history.

Packed with personality and variety, Davisville Village is a midtown hideaway like no other.



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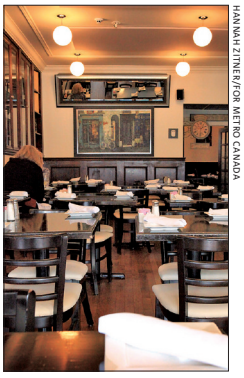

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Some sights in Davisville include Mount Pleasant Cemetery, left, and Coquine European Bistro at 2075 Yonge St., above.

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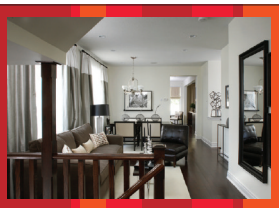

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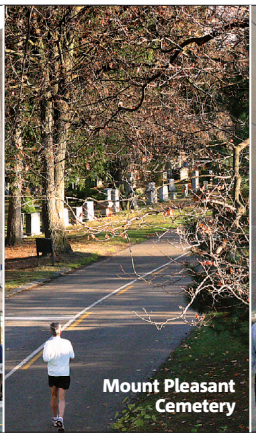
Transit options abound in Davisville

There are subway stations at Eglinton and Davisville, bus routes along Yonge Street, Mount Pleasant Road and Bayview Avenue and access to the Don Valley Parkway from Bayview Avenue in the south or Eglinton in the east. –RAFAEL BRUSILOW

Yonge and Eglinton Centre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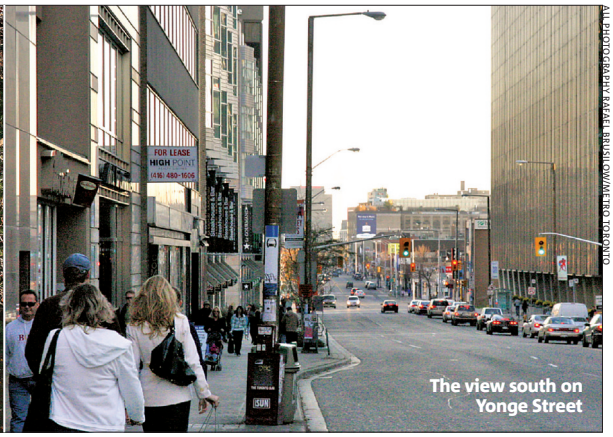
The view south on Yonge Street

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- **AVERAGE REAL ESTATE VALUE:** Mount Pleasant East: $551,664; Mount Pleasant West: $409,434 (Source: City of Toronto, Statistics Canada)
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- **GYMS:** Extreme Fitness (110 Eglinton Ave. E.), GoodLife Fitness (250 Davisville Ave.), Circuitfit (542 Mt Pleasant Rd.), Physical Dimensions (2156 Yonge St.), Personal Training Plus (1644 Bayview Ave.)
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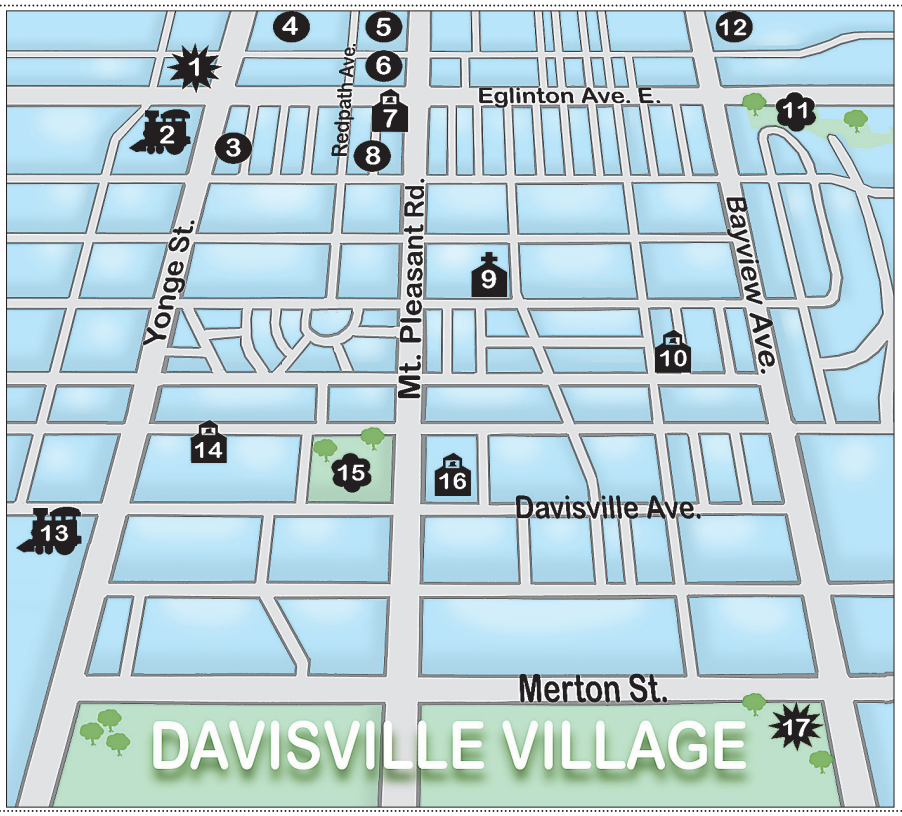

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- **4.** 25 Broadway (The Republic) (condo)
- **5.** 900 Mount Pleasant (condo)
- **6.** Panache Condominiums Redpath-Eglinton
- **7.** Eglinton Jr. PS/Spectrum Alternative Sr. School
- **8.** 83 Redpath (condo)
- **9.** Manor Road United Church
- **10.** Maurice Cody Jr. PS (school)
- **11.** Howard Talbot Park
- **12.** Huntington (condo)
- **13.** Davisville Station (Chaplin-Yonge)
- **14.** Davisville Jr. PS/Metro School for the Deaf
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Time to shop
Davisville's main shopping district is on Mount Pleasant Road. This stretch of stores is highlighted by a large group of antique and collectable shops that attract people from all over the city. HANNAH ZITNER/FOR METRO CANADA

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Diverse shopping options

HANNAH ZITNER
for Metro Canada

This neighborhood includes the family-friendly leafy streets around Mount Pleasant as well as the plethora of high-rise condominiums crammed around the mid-town hub of Yonge and Eglinton. The diversity of housing options is mimicked with the assortment of eating, drinking and shopping selections as well.

Independent boutiques along Bayview south of Eglinton showcase local as well as international designers at neighborhood favorites, such as DEW (day, evening, weekend).

Around Mount Pleasant, the shopping options switch gears and antique shops and baby supply stores take over. Few shops exist along the neighbourhood's western edge, with the exception of the Art Shoppe, one of Toronto's oldest and most well-known furniture store.

Eating opportunities range from Jamaican to Asian to Italian and upscale dinning to cafeteria-style lunch spots catering to those pouring out of the office towers en masse for their mid day break.

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Above: Le Gourmand at 2177 Yonge St. Right: The Sassy Bead Co. at 2076 Yonge St. Top left: DEW at 1553 Bayview Ave. Top centre: The Art Shoppe at 2131 Yonge St. Top Right: McSorley's 1544 Bayview Ave

On Mount Pleasant, Mogette Bistro offers edible French elegance, but leaves the upturned nose behind. More laid-back dining and drinking options are peppered along Bayview. With a dedicated playroom at Originals, mom and dad often head there for a drink and a bite, while those who have outgrown the playroom head to McSorley's.

Besides the eating, drinking and shopping, Davisville residents enjoy a movie theatre, yoga studios and several lush walking trails bordering the Mount Pleasant cemetery.

And don't miss Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Carved out of farmland in 1876, the idyllic parkland, offering more than 500 tree species and varieties, has become the city's most desirable resting place, with glitzy residents like the Eaton and Massey families.

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What do you like about Davisville?
-By Rafael Brusilow

Debbie Falk
age 50, lives in the area
A: The parks are lovely and it doesn't feel big-city. La Bamboche has great espresso and gorgeous pastries.

Oren Williamson
age 23, lives in the area
A: It's great here and really peaceful. The gelato at Il Gelatiere is fresh and they serve you in Italian!

Scott Rennick
age 46, lives in the area
A: It's a nice mid-town area. For a pub, The Longest Yard is pretty good.

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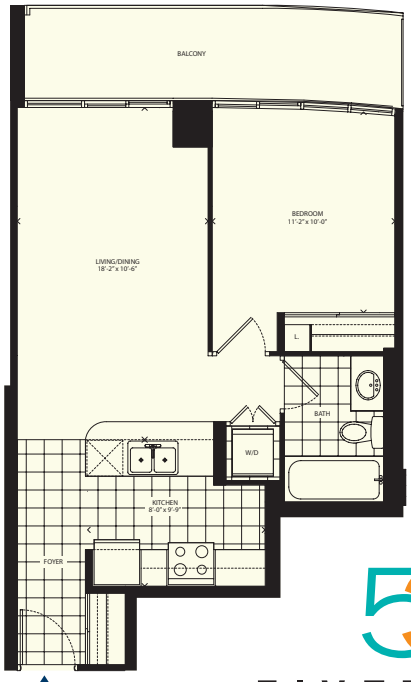

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Homes in Style

This pine votive candleholder is made from salvaged wood found in Toronto. $39, Pistachio.

Recycle, reuse, now refresh

EMMA YARDLEY
for Metro Canada

Any kid who went to elementary school in Canada from the 1980s onward knows the three R's: Reduce, reuse and recycle. Now that many of those same kids are homeowners, they're looking for ways to incorporate those childhood lessons into their living spaces.

"Everybody is more aware of the topic — manufacturers and consumers — so many companies have environmentally friendly lines," says Cameron MacNeil, design editor at Canadian House & Home magazine and a freelance designer for the past ten years.

"You can look at so many environmentally friendly products today and not know they are environmentally friendly … it's not a big trend anymore when it's becoming the norm, which is good."

Now more than ever, there are home decorating options that won't deplete the earth's limited resources.

For one of his projects MacNeil installed recycled glass countertops, while for another he picked up a dinning tabletop made from 100-per-cent post-consumer cardboard.

"Even today a client thought she needed a new sofa but I showed her that all it needed was a slipcover on the old one."

This Pulp bulletin board is constructed from stacks and stacks of repossessed paper and recycled cardboard. Umbra, $26.50, umbra.com.

A good read. Flawed and overstocked magazine pages are cut and pressed together to make this round magazine tray. Urban Barn, $40, urbanbarn.com.

When a tree falls in the forest and does it make a sound? Well, Urban Tree Salvage hears it, finds it and then takes it back to their workshop to craft it into a variety of one-of-a-kind pieces. Maple platter, $70, urbantreesalvage.com.

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Fresh living and fresh ideas abound at OneCole in Toronto's Downtown East.

The newest condominium development being offered by The Daniels Corporation is at the spearhead of a revitalization of Regent Park and the area surrounding Dundas and Parliament streets.

Stephanie Dimopoulos, director of decor at The Daniels Corporation, says the 829 square-foot, two bedroom/two bathroom model suite shows off OneCole's philosophy that a sense of warmth should always trump formality.

"There's no real formality in the space — it's warm and inviting and friendly," Dimopoulos said.

Neutral tones such as light and dark greys, delicate eggshell whites and silver highlights sustain a mood of openness while subtle dashes of colours like beachy yellows and cool blues add a touch of zip and create a space that Dimopoulos ultimately hopes feel just like home.

"The whole idea of the space was to keep it very light and airy. We wanted people to walk through the suite and feel like they could just sit down," Dimopoulos said.

The overall style of the model suite, which Dimopoulos calls "urban fresh," is meant to highlight the natural beauty of the outdoor surroundings, which stream through the suite's impressive floor-to-ceiling windows.

"We wanted to bring the outdoor in with very a streamlined, clean, very contemporary colour palette," Dimopoulos said.

The kitchen features medium-brown countertops with stainless steel appliances and stools with a burnished metal look that elicits a chic industrial style.

"We wanted to keep with the whole downtown feel and use things that were more industrial but still maintained their decorative elements," Dimopoulos said.

In the master bedroom, freshness permeates with colour choices and neutral tones matched to the rest of the suite and punches of colour in the pillows. Quilted textures and subtle patterns create warmth in the space, which is designed to showcase just how easy it can be to outfit a bedroom on a budget as most of the furniture and decor items were bought at standard retail outlets before being personalized with a few design touches. The building's amenities are available for tours and only a few choice suites remain so act fast if you want a peek — visit onecole.ca.

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Sylvia's Basement tip
Use a de-humidifier to keep the basement as dry as possible. SYLVIA PUTZ/FOR METRO CANADA

Got cold feet on basement flooring?

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Take a moment to think about moisture before you install basement flooring.

The vision of hardwood flooring in the basement may tantalize, but here's one time when sitting on the fence to mull over the nature of basements isn't a bad thing.

For example, think back to that basement flood when the sump pump failed. Reflect upon the wetness that occasionally seeps in through your basement walls and floor when it rains a lot. What if the sewage backed up?

Luckily, for your average concrete basement floor, the biggest problem is plain old moisture. And I don't necessarily mean streams of it — just steady drips, dampness and excess humidity.

Consider the fact that basements are built directly upon or next to soil, which is cold and damp, and also makes the concrete walls and floors cold. When warm interior air hits the cold surface of basement walls and floors, it condenses, producing wetness in your basement.

To make matters worse, concrete floors are porous, and hydrostatic pressure can cause water to come through the concrete slab and onto the basement floor at times of heavy rain, especially if you've got cracks.

The bottom line in a basement is don't go with flooring that will be ruined by wetness because it is almost always present at one time or another.

If you're considering how to finish the floor in your basement, here are some sage words of advice.

- If you've got leak in the basement, fix it before you put down any flooring.
- Porcelain or ceramic tile, applied directly to a clean, flat and dry concrete surface, works well in a basement. It can be cleaned easily too.
- A garage-floor-type epoxy paint works well too, and sponging or other painting effects can create the look of stone. Cleanable.
- Be cautious about laying carpet directly on the concrete floor because it will readily grow mould between the naturally damp basement floor and the carpet, and this can result in that typical mouldy basement smell. Be sure to use appropriate underlay materials, and even with that in place, be prepared to replace carpeting every once in a while, especially after any episodes of excessive moisture in the basement. Rubber-backed carpet tiles may be helpful because they can be selectively removed and replaced.

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Subfloors needed in some cases

- Other finishes should be used with a subfloor (a floor that is slightly raised above the concrete to allow drainage to a floor drain or natural evaporation underneath) to maximize the length of life of the flooring. In this category, consider sealed cork for a basement that does not get heavy use. Carpeting can also benefit enormously from being used on top of a subfloor. Linoleum or vinyl also works on a subfloor. (Gluing directly onto a concrete floor can cause the tile to contort when the temperature differential is large between the cold floor and the warmer tiles.)
- If you want a wood floor, opt for engineered wood (wood layers pressed together with a resin or glue) applied on a subfloor. Avoid solid wood flooring because it can buckle or warp with moisture. A floating laminate floor may work since it is not attached to the floor, but excess moisture can easily degrade the laminate, especially if it is of poor quality.

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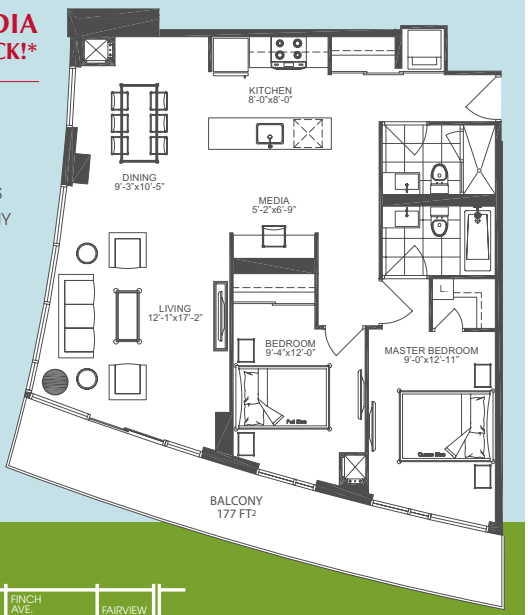

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Photography by Steve Rhodes (Wallpaper, roll, pillows)

ERIC TAGEN HOOTEN PHOTO

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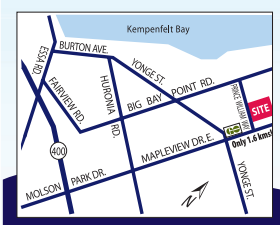

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Dubious noise issues

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Q Our Condo Board sent us a series of letters claiming excessive noise. Our lawyer sent a letter to the board denying the excessive noise (we have adjoining neighbours who can attest to the fact that we are very quiet.) The claims are not true — the people next door simply don't like us. Now we have a letter from the lawyer representing the Condo Corporation saying they were asked to contact us regarding excessive noise and if we do not cease they will get a court order to make us. This included a bill for $450 for the Condo's legal expenses that are billed to the Corporation and "will be charged back against our unit." The noise complaints are allegations — not established facts. Will we have to pay this bill?

A I have featured a number of these issues in my column but there are still persistent inquiries from both sides of the equation: The noise makers and the noise complainants.

The first point you must remember is that condominiums are a form of communal living. The road of least resistance is to attempt to get along with everyone and keep your nose out of other's business. If your neighbours have reached the point where they have formally complained to the Board and the Board has gone to the cost and effort of retaining their lawyer to write you a letter, then presumably the members are taking this issue seriously. Have there been any noise complaints accompanied by a police visit? Have your neighbours personally visited you to attempt to lower your noise level? I would be inquiring after these items before I considered paying any legal fees.

One the other side of the coin, some neighbours can be very testy and overly sensitive to regular neighbour's noise. I for one have found myself in this situation and it is not pleasant to have to tiptoe around one's own home. You are entitled to quiet enjoyment of your condo just as your neighbours are entitled.

In terms of the bill, the condo has the power to apply specific costs against unit owners who may have to pay them. However, you state these claims are unfounded. It seems like you need an impartial body who can step in and sort out this mess. Neither the board, your complaining neighbours, you nor either lawyers meet those requirements. With an eye to economy, perhaps the parties can mutually agree on someone — perhaps a past board member — to assist you with this problem.

Remember, living in a condo can be quite political and contentious. One of the issues that comes with communal living.

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Entertainment

Sticking around
Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler appeared on stage with the Joe Perry Project at a show in New York Tuesday night and announced to the crowd that he is "not leaving Aerosmith." EW.COM

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Stale anthems suit Bon Jovi

Bon Jovi

Album: The Circle
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●

TRUE COUNTRY FANS can rejoice. Jon Bon Jovi has turned his back on them after reaping platinum profits from Lost Highway, his 2007 over-the-top foray into Nashville. Unfortunately, their loss is anthem rock's gain as Jon Bon Jovi returns to his witless style of stadium rock that gave bandanas and mullets a bad name. He reaffirms his unchallenged ability to make even the freshest cliché sound stale. Who but Bon Jovi could sing a power anthem as profoundly titled as Live Before You Die? And no one but Bon Jovi would even think of building angst and social spirituality into a question like "what is the distance between a bullet and a gun?" (honest, check out track 5, Bullet). Mr. Springsteen, please let your fellow Jersey rocker know that working class doesn't mean brain dead. It's such a waste of a good guitarist. Still, it doesn't matter. The Circle will sell a gazillion and Bon Jovi will be back on TV taking his rightful place as mentor to the American Idols.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Blue Rodeo

Album: The Things We Left Behind **Label:** Warner
Rating: ●●●●½

IT'S TOO EASY to take the songwriting of Greg Keelor and Jim Cuddy for granted. Over the past 25 years, they've become like a warm and comfortable shoe to fans of Canadian roots rock. Yet, on this new 16-song, double CD, Keelor and Cuddy prove they remain unequalled at what they do. This is an ambitious album without being over-bearing or jarringly experimental like 2002's Palace of Gold. Keelor pays homage to his taste for '60s psychedelia on epic production numbers like Million Miles, with its Who-like harmonies, and Venus Rising, the album's extended guitar closer. And there's plenty for fans of Cuddy's gentler balladry on tracks like Arizona Dust. Although Blue Rodeo has lost full-time keyboard player Bob Packwood, The Things We Left Behind does not deteriorate into a jangling guitar album. There are dozens of young bands trying to put their mark on a distinctly new Canadian alt-country sound. Unfortunately, they need look no further than this album to find it.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Bon Jovi returns to anthem rock sound on new album The Circle.

The Cribs

Album: Ignore the Ignorant
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●●

THE GREAT BIG gob of feedback that appears somewhere around the eight second mark of the first track, signals one thing — Johnny Marr came to play. And play he does. The former Smiths' guitarist's signature sound flies all over this superb album from West Yorkshire alt-rock punks The Cribs. There are moments on this album, especially the six-minute-long City of Bugs, that rival the double guitar eloquence of Television's new wave masterpiece Marquee Moon. And if you can't take the feedback, there's also the radio friendly Cheat on Me. It's the perfect combination of British punk snarl and art school airs. Marr, best known in recent years for his work with Modest Mouse, has found a second home with The Cribs. This is not just a passing fancy. Marr has co-writing credits on each of the twelve tracks and is an acknowledged full member of the band. It'll be interesting to see if Marr can keep both projects on the go.

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Massari

Album: Forever Massari
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●

CANADA'S MORE KNOWN for its rock scene, but it's an R&B singer who could be the country's next big export. The Stittsville Ont.-based artist's 2006 debut went gold and his followup Forever Massari, is sure to be an even bigger hit. The record is full of smooth club anthems — it's not butt-shaking bass, but rather, calm, silky odes to the ladies. Most of the music works, the melodies are infectious, and lyrics aren't crude — but he's likes to repeat his choruses a little too much. Still, there's no way Massari won't break out.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Wale

Album: Attention Deficit
Label: Interscope/Universal
Rating: ●●●½

BESIDES DRAKE, THE most talked about rapper over the last few months has been Washington D.C.'s Wale. His speedy Kanye-like rhymes have made the mix tape rounds, but it's only now that he's releasing his debut record. The album mostly lives up to the hype — Chillin is a solid dance floor number that samples Steam's Kiss Him Goodbye — while guests vocalists like Lady Gaga and Pharrell add some extra diversity. There's still some room for improvement — 90210, about Hollywood excess, is a bit cliché — but Wale's definitely one to watch.

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Robbie Williams

Album: Reality Killed the Radio Star **Label:** EMI
Rating: ●●½

IT'S BEEN 12 years since Robbie Williams's hugely popular debut Life Thru a Lens, and while he's had hits since, nothing's quite lived up to that record. His last disc was a flop, and his latest isn't going to do much better. Reality Killed the Video Star is a cheeky title to be sure, but including other eye-rolling phrases like this throughout the disc may not have been such a great idea. The music is relatively safe and radio-friendly, but there's nothing here that's as compelling as Lazy Days.

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To coincide with The Jesus Lizard's reunion gigs, the band's former label Touch and Go has reissued the group's first four albums.

Jesus Lizard reborn

Volatile rock act returns to the road 10 years after breakup

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

"Like discovering an old pair of shoes in the back of your closet and putting them on and going, 'They fit perfect and look great! I think I'll go dancing.' Or something like that."

This is the way guitarist Duane Denison explains The Jesus Lizard's reunion, as if it's no big deal. "People had been mentioning it for years and we thought we might be that one band that never does the reunion. But we started getting some good offers and then the label reissued the back catalogue and it just kind of fell into place."

Known for their primal, serpentine post-punk sound and unparalleled gigs led by the unhinged behaviour of inimitable (and sometimes naked) frontman David Yow, the Lollapalooza generation gets to revisit its most volatile act once again.

"Everything that I always liked about playing with the band is still there, like the momentum, the intensity and all that good stuff." guitarist Duane Denison

Denison says being in The Jesus Lizard now, ten years after they called it quits, is in some ways even better than before. "Everything that I always liked about playing with the band is still there, like the momentum, the intensity and all that good stuff. Plus, there was always pressure in the old days: you've got an album out and you want to play well so you can come back. Now we don't think about that stuff. And the money's good, so it's just less of a grind than it used to be. If anything it's been more enjoyable."

To coincide with the reunion, the band's former label Touch and Go has reissued the first four The Jesus Lizard LPs, which helped justify hitting the road once again. "The reissues just kind of happened to fall into the same time period," Denison says. "The reissues were (Touch and Go's) idea, and to remaster it and put goodies like photos, liner notes, bonus tracks, into it that weren't there before."

Those are the old records though. A band with as much cult appeal as The Jesus Lizard can't come back from the dead without any sort of promise about what the future holds. Denison, however, seems hesitant to give any definite plans.

"We don't want to overstay the welcome. One of the reasons this is going so well is because it's our reunion but also kind of our last go around, the last chance to see us. There's always a part of me that wants to leave the door open because everyone's having a good time together, so who knows, maybe we'll record something or do a special show. But then again, we think let's not do that, let's not milk it, let's end on as good a note as we can."

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Jackson funeral costs top $1M

Michael Jackson's private family funeral was fit for a king and had a price tag to match — roughly $1 million US, according to court documents.

Although Jackson died in June and had a large public tribute at the Staples Center in Los Angeles in July, the private family funeral held Sept. 3 appeared to have been arranged with urgency.

Legal requests for payments filed with estate administrators by attorneys for Michael Jackson's mother only three days before the scheduled burial noted that if payment was not received by the funeral home and the Glendale Police Department by Sept. 1, "the funeral will not proceed."

The lawyers warned that such a development would cause Katherine Jackson and the family "public embarrassment and added grief, along with the daunting task of having to make new arrangements."

Jackson

There was no indication of resistance by the administrators, who approved payment of all expenses and reimbursement of Michael Jackson's sister Janet for an advance payment to Forest Lawn-Glendale of $49,000.

The final tally of costs included $855,730 to Forest Lawn for cemetery and funeral charges including the purchase of other plots within the same mausoleum that houses Jackson's body.

Also listed were: $35,000 for burial garments; $1,975 for wardrobe for the family; $2,000 for usher costumes; $3,682 for framing of a photograph of Jackson next to the casket; $959 for embroidery; $11,716 for invitations and programs; $16,000 for flowers; $30,000 for cars and security; and $15,000 for a funeral designer. There was also a charge of $21,455 for the "funeral repast" at a restaurant after the ceremony.

During the period that the family waited to bury Jackson, they were charged $5,000 a month for holding the remains in a temporary vault. The documents showed that his mother, brother Randy and sister Janet were involved in the planning and were mindful that the media would be covering the funeral, although media were not allowed inside the ceremony.

"Mrs. Jackson and her family wish to honour her son by a funeral that seeks to offer solace to his multitude of fans and by which the family also may be comforted," the attorneys said. The costs were substantial but "entirely commensurate with the decedent's worldwide status as an entertainer and the world's grief over his death."

Mrs. Jackson's attorneys were granted the request for $1 million. The administrators noted this was in addition to the costs of the Staples Center tribute, which was approved by the court as part of the agreement with entertainment group AEG.

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Warhol sells at auction

• A Thriller-era silk-screened portrait of Michael Jackson created by Andy Warhol has sold for $812,500 US to an anonymous collector. The artwork sold at Christie's in New York City Tuesday. Christie's estimated the portrait would sell for $500,000 to $700,000. The 1984 portrait depicts a smiling Jackson in a jacket with squiggles of red and yellow in his hair.

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It's pretty easy to tell that revered actor Phillip Seymour Hoffman is not so enthusiastic about doing press.

He even starts to get itchy a few minutes into the process, scratching his right shoulder repeatedly while speaking with the slightest bit of impatience in his voice. Still, the sometimes boisterous acting auteur gives an equally lively performance as The Count, in Pirate Radio — opening tomorrow — playing an ex-pat DJ who joins an all-British pirate radio station in the mid-'60s, at a time when the BBC refused to air the country's groundbreaking rock music.

Phillip Seymour Hoffman stars in Pirate Radio — opening tomorrow — as The Count, an ex-pat DJ who joins all British radio station in the 1960s.

Q One of the most memorable scenes in the film involves a character quickly having to choose one prized album to save while the rest were destroyed. What record would you pick if you were in that situation?

A I wouldn't do it, I've got to be honest with you. I would be thinking of other things. It would be family and stuff.

If I could get out with the family, everything else could burn.

Q What about your favorite music that you discovered on the radio?

A Oh God, I like so many different kinds of music just because all I did as a kid was listen to the radio. I didn't really buy LPs or go to concerts.

I wasn't a connoisseur, really, in that way. I would just sit in the backseat of the car and listen to the radio in the summer time.

Therefore, it's amazing all the different types of music I like because of that.

My dad would listen to jazz at night. I was introduced to all sorts of musicwithout any of it being shoved down my throat. Or being swept up into the whole, you know, I'm going to follow the Grateful Dead or something.

Q Yet, you've played two characters, here and your character in Almost Famous, that have totally embodied the spirit of rock and roll. What did you tap into for those roles?

A It's a passion for something. He's mad about something. It's not that hard to identify with those things. They're very successful characters to play and fun characters to play because what they're doing and what they stand for, there's not a person that doesn't immediately identify with those two qualities. It doesn't have to be about rock and roll.

Q This seems like a much lighter role than those you usually take on. Was it a relief to play in a comedy like this?

A It's a real ensemble piece. That's part of it, sharing that burden with all, which is what the characters are going through anyway.

They really are sharing a burden of something they feel strongly about.

The movie itself has an energy about it they're looking to have a good time, mostly. So that could be fun especially with those actors.

Q What kind of work did you do to get into the role?

A What I normally do whenever I act. It's really boring. People find it very uninteresting. It's not like I set up a DJ booth in my apartment or anything.

Q Where does your passion and energy for acting come from?

A When I was about 12 or 13 I was a patron of theater and I loved it, had a huge passion for it. I just did. Why that is, I don't know. That's really what it still is.

Q How did you compare acting with someone who is broadcasting on the air?

A They're all in the same family in a way but I would relate being a radio personality more to being a writer than being an actor because the radio personality is trying to find their voice. They start out and they're trying to figure out who they are and how they sound and what they do. I think writers are like that. Actors aren't like that because they're not trying to do one thing. They're actually trying to find a way to do that with many different voices.

Giller winner back to work less than a day after win

BOOKS As a working journalist, Linden MacIntyre doesn't have much time to savour his elevation to the ranks of the Canadian literary elite.

The morning after his novel The Bishop's Man won the $50,000 Scotiabank Giller Prize, the veteran broadcaster was sitting in the Toronto offices of his publisher Random House Canada and he was already moving on to the next, looming deadline.

MacIntyre had little choice but to go into his office later in the day to put the finishing touches on a segment about the perils of marijuana trafficking in B.C. that airs Friday on The Fifth Estate.

"I'm going on a shoot for that next week," said MacIntyre, 66. "Life goes on."

No time to savour the win? No time to polish his Giller?

"That's what it's all about," MacIntyre said. "It's all about getting an audience for the book and getting people talking and thinking about the book ... and moving on."

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- Historically, a Giller winner gets a substantial bump in sales. Joseph Boyden's Through Black Spruce, which claimed the Giller last year, experienced a 300 per cent bump after the win was announced, with sales climbing from 30,000 to 90,000.

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The sour taste of Hell

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Matt Czuchry and Geoff Stults in I Hope They Serve Beer In Hell.

Alcohol-fuelled sexual encounters are a clumsy, often embarrassing and regrettable rite of passage for many college kids.

More often than not, these sort of sweaty, post-party indiscretions are usually locked up in the vaults of memory, never to be spoken of again in polite company.

But blogger, author and now, film personality, Tucker Max isn't one to leave his saucy skeletons in their respective closets. In fact, through his website (tuckermax.com) he's made a kind of cottage industry out of simply spilling his guts about all of the inebriated, campus-dwelling women he's grappled with.

Max's bestselling cult book, I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell, has now been made into a self-penned feature film that will enjoy a limited theatrical release in select Canadian cities tomorrow.

I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell opens in theatres tomorrow

The film, like the book and like all of Max's scribblings, gleefully objectifies women as nothing more than conquests waiting to be claimed. Matt Czuchry stars as, well, Tucker Max himself, a smirking schemer who manipulates his equally unsavory friends to visit an out of town strip club in order for him to sleep with a dwarf.

Sound off color? That's Tucker Max's life.

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THEATRE
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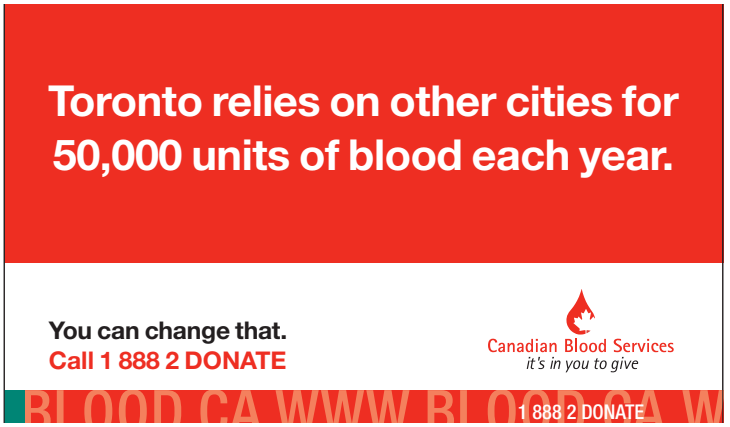
Theatre Erindale presents Don't Drink The Water, a look at the causes and consequences of the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton. Erindale Studio Theatre, 3359 Mississauga Rd N. theatreerindale.com.



Smallville goes big on small screen

The CW has decided to package Smallville's upcoming Justice Society-themed two-parter into a two-hour movie event airing on Jan. 29. The episodes will feature such DC Comics stalwarts as Stargirl, Hawkman, and Dr. Fate. EW.COM

Something not right in Springfield?

Behind-the-scenes Simpsons book questions the Matt Groening creative-genius legend

In the world of The Simpsons, politicians are sleazy crooks, teachers are dispassionate drones and police officers are comically incompetent.

During the ongoing run of more than 20 years on the air, the creators of the Simpson clan have created an empire out of collectively mocking authority and poking a finger in the eye of the establishment.

But when Toronto native John Ortved began investigating the behind-the-scenes history of the show for his book, The Simpsons: An Uncensored, Unauthorized History, the longtime fan came to realize that The Simpsons has become a tightly guarded, rigid establishment of its own.

"(Simpsons producer) James L. Brooks drafted a letter to everybody who had worked on The Simpsons ever — everyone who was working on the show and everyone who had worked on the show —asking them not to speak to me," Ortved told The Canadian Press in an interview at his parents' home in Toronto.

"They did make it quite hard for me."

Yet over the objections of Brooks and series creator Matt Groening, Ortved was able to gather more than 80 interviews for an expansive history of the longest-running sitcom of all time.

Groening has long been considered the creative genius behind The Simpsons, its ubiquitous titular family, the wacky denizens of Springfield who orbit them, and the pointed, rapid-fire social satire that is the show's stock in trade.

But one of the central revelations of Ortved's book is just how erroneous that assumption is.

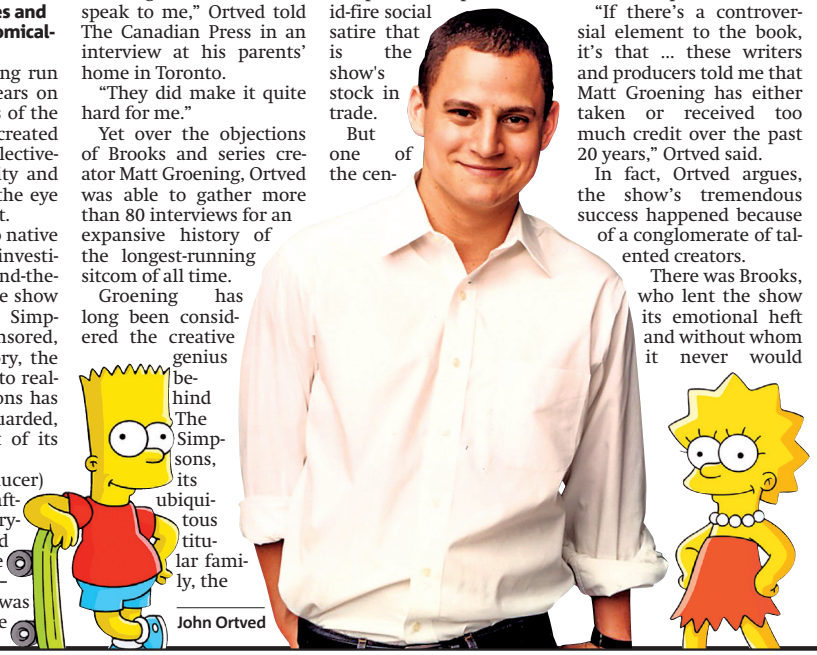
"If there's a controversial element to the book, it's that ... these writers and producers told me that Matt Groening has either taken or received too much credit over the past 20 years," Ortved said.

In fact, Ortved argues, the show's tremendous success happened because of a conglomerate of talented creators.

There was Brooks, who lent the show its emotional heft and without whom it never would have made it to the air. There was Gyorgyi Peluce, the colour designer who decided to make the Simpsons yellow and Marge's hair blue. And then there was Sam Simon, a grizzled, cigar-chomping TV vet who created many of the show's colourful characters, assembled the initial group of Harvard-reared writers, and poured over every script, tweaking each line for maximum impact.

Ortved says Brooks and Groening refused to be involved in the book primarily because he had spoken to Simon.

Still, Ortved managed to finagle interviews with some of the show's most prominent talent. He even nabbed an interview with Fox boss Rupert Murdoch, who laughed off the protests of his producers "Those creative types," Ortved remembers Murdoch saying, "They're always looking to pick a fight." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



John Ortved

ABC packs in star studded shows

WEEKEND ABC says Paul McCartney and Beyonce will star in back-to-back one-hour specials on U.S. Thanksgiving.

The evening starts at 9 p.m. EST with a Beyonce concert that was taped over the summer in Las Vegas.

That will be followed by a McCartney special that includes highlights from his July concert at Citi Field in New York City.

Rolling Stones rocker divorced

MUSIC Rolling Stones rocker Ronnie Wood has been divorced by his wife of 24 years on the grounds of adultery.

Jo Wood has been granted a decree that is the first of two stages of divorce.

The divorce becomes final after six weeks and a day.

The 62-year-old guitarist married the 54-year-old former model in 1985 and they have two children together.

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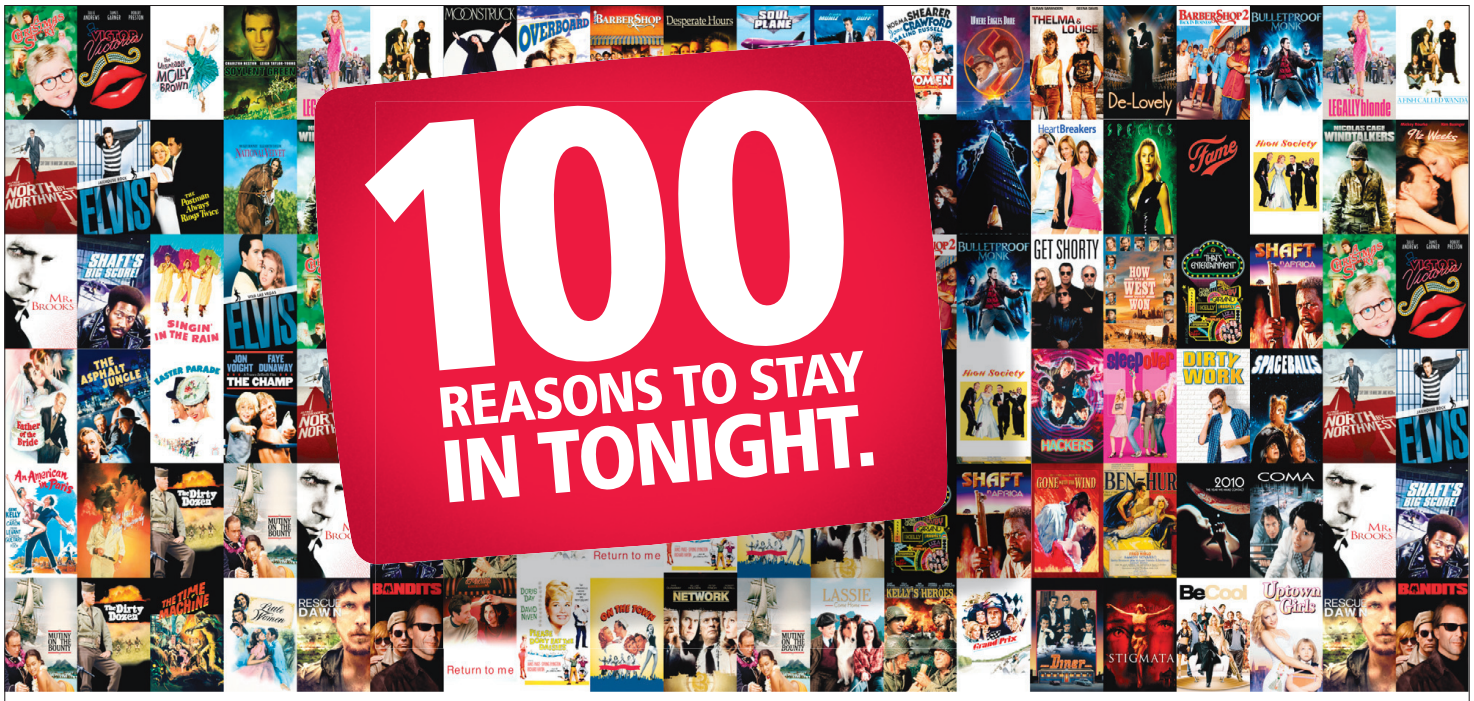

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Peer praises Beyoncé's style
Leona Lewis has praised Beyoncé Knowles' sense of style. The singer was thrilled to meet the pop superstar at the recent MTV Europe Music Awards because Beyoncé is so "nice" and stylish. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Three Chords can't hit the right pitch

Despite being nominated for two Geminis, CMT show finds itself cancelled

Phyllis Ellis is hoping a Gemini award could have the power of a resurrection.

Despite being cancelled after only 10 episodes, Ellis's Three Chords From the Truth is up for two awards, including best comedy program, at the ceremony celebrating Canada's homegrown TV talent this weekend.

Ellis says it's fantastic to hear her show's name bandied about again after it was unsuccessful at finding an audience on CMT.

"It's really nice to have a little revival of even the name of the show, people talking about it again, and knowing that our work had value. It's a real honour," she said.

"It would be great if it had an opportunity to be seen. It was aired very late at night and I think most people were asleep," she said with a laugh.

CBC funnyman Ron James will host the awards, which are set to air Saturday on Global and Showcase.

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Steve Cochrane, left, Phyllis Ellis, Steve Morana from Three Chords From The Truth on CMT, are pictured in this undated handout photo. Ellis hopes that a Gemini nod could have the power of a resurrection. Her show, Three Chords from the Truth, is one of several heading into Saturday's awards celebrating Canada's best television already cancelled, but she says that critical recognition is still important to her.

The leading nominee is the CTV cop drama Flashpoint, which is up for a record 19 trophies. The period drama The Tudors has 11 nods and the rookie dramedy Being Erica has snagged nine nominations.

Several other shows vying for Canadian television's top honours have also seen the end of their run. Showcase's Testees, which is also up for best comedy series, was not renewed after a single season.

Ellis said the fact that critically acclaimed shows are being cancelled without finding an audience indicates that quality Canadian television is not being sufficiently appreciated.

"I always say this joke and I mean it with all due respect to everything — only in Canada would a show that nobody saw be nominated, or win an award"
Phyllis Ellis, creator of Three Chords From the Truth

"I always say this joke and I mean it with all due respect to everything — only in Canada would a show that nobody saw be nominated, or win an award."

She said she hopes the nod could mean it really isn't the end for her show, for which she was co-writer, co-creator, producer and star.

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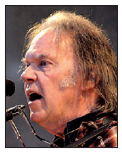
Grammys to honour Neil Young

AWARDS Sheryl Crow, k.d. lang and James Taylor are among artists who will perform at a ceremony in which Canadian rocker Neil Young is named the MusiCares Person of the Year during Grammy Awards weekend.

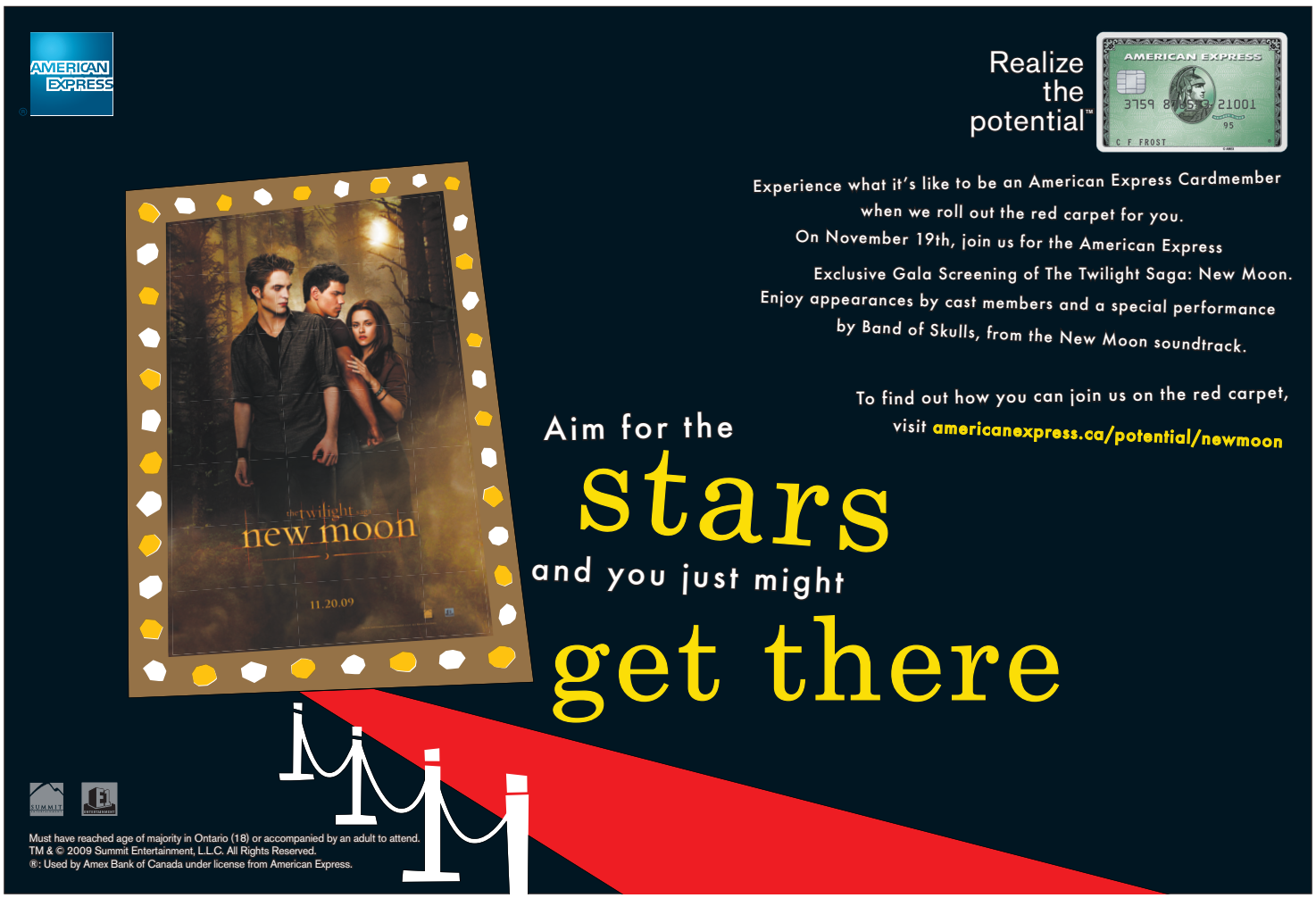
Young will be honoured at a gala dinner at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Jan. 29.


Neil Young

Other performers announced include Emmylou Harris, Norah Jones, Dave Matthews, Red Hot Chili Peppers, John Mellencamp, Crosby Stills & Nash, Josh Groban and Wilco.

The award is given based on exceptional artistic achievements as well as philanthropic work. Past honourees include Bono, Aretha Franklin, Elton John and Stevie Wonder.

The 52nd Grammy Awards will be held on Jan. 31. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Fierstein replacing Topol

Harvey Fierstein will replace Chaim Topol in the North American tour of the Tony winning musical Fiddler on the Roof. It will play Toronto's Canon Theatre from December 8, 2009 to January 10, 2010. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Years of living under the knife

Castration, surgeries — Silicone Diaries bares it all

It took Nina Arsenault eight years and 60 separate cosmetic surgeries to turn from an unmemorable man to an unforgettable woman.

That's the story she's telling in The Silicone Diaries, which opens at Buddies in Bad Times on Saturday.

Arsenault's story has been front and centre for several years now in various magazine articles and television features, but she feels she has to tell her own story on the stage to get to the truth.

"Most of the time, I'm dealing with a team of people who are trying to manage my narrative and make it more palatable to middle-class audiences," she says in a voice that may seem as breathy as Marilyn Monroe's, but has reserves of steel underneath it. "Believe me, I don't have to add sensation to my story."

She's right. The sheer facts of the saga; thousands of pills swallowed, hours of pain endured and everything from black market silicone to a Mexican castration doesn't have to be enlivened for the stage.

"These are my deepest obsessions — beauty, my body. I literally tore my body apart, but it gave me so many of the things I had wanted from life since I was a child."
Nina Arsenault

"In fact, I spent an enormous amount of time getting back to the truth of the memories. My story has never been told in its simplicity before and that's what I'm trying to do here."

Arsenault credits her director, Brendan Healy (the newly appointed Artistic Director of Buddies) with helping her immeasurably by introducing her to the work of the late monologist Spalding Gray.

"I admire what he did so much," she says. "He can look that camera in the eye and not waver, keeping that voice steady and true. I find now that when I'm working a moment too much or exaggerating it, I feel it right away and pull myself back to the truth."

When asked what made her choose this particular journey in her life, Arsenault laughs with a bitter edge.

"I didn't choose it. It chose me. These are my deepest obsessions — beauty, my body. I literally tore my body apart, but it gave me so many of the things I had wanted from life since I was a child."

Despite this deep connection with what she's been through, Arsenault is able to step back and look coldly at the society she's a part of.

"Beauty is such a provocative subject in our culture. We all love it and everybody responds to it. You're lucky if you have it, but there's a perception that it's weak or morally wrong to strive for it too much."

Arsenault ultimately feels that what she's done "is neither empowering nor oppressive" and if some young, sexually confused individual came to her wondering if he should do what she's done, her answer has the sound of hard-earned knowledge.

"Go down whatever path you want to go down, but go down it with your eyes open." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

If you go ...

- **WHAT:** The Silicone Diaries
- **WHERE:** Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, 12 Alexander St.
- **WHEN:** Saturday through Nov. 21

HAMISH KIPPEN PHOTO

Nina Arsenault spent eight years and went through 60 cosmetic surgeries. The Silicone Diaries opens Saturday.

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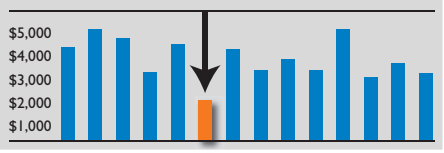

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L.A. Law's Kelley joining Lost

L.A. Law's Sheila Kelley has been cast in a recurring role on Lost, tvguide.com has confirmed. Kelley, 45, will play a character named Kendall in the sixth season of Lost. TVGUIDE.COM

Hollywood's king of the low-budget film

With 350 credits to his name, the Academy will finally give Roger Corman recognition

Roger Corman, memorably dubbed "the Orson Welles of the Z-Movie" and "the Pope of Pop Cinema," never expected the words "Academy Award recipient" would accompany his name.

The man, whose 350 movie credits include such low-budget fare as The Masque of the Red Death and X: The Man With the X-Ray Eyes, is receiving an honorary Oscar for a lifetime of achievement that includes mentoring such filmmakers as Francis Ford Coppola, Martin Scorsese, James Cameron and Ron Howard.

Corman, 83, said he was aware the board of governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was considering him for the honour. He felt certain he would not make the cut, though.

"I predicted that I would not win because I make low-budget films, and I felt the academy would not give an award to someone who made low-budget films. I was truly surprised when I got the call," Corman said in an interview at the offices of his production and distribution outfit, New Horizons Pictures.

Corman does not just make low-budget movies. He's a maestro at it, creating plenty of schlock with titles such as Night Call Nurses and Galaxy of Terror but also cult hits with staying power.

Among his productions are Death Race 2000 and The Little Shop of Horrors, shot in just over two days for $30,000, featuring a young Jack Nicholson and a creepy, campy story line that later spawned a stage show and Hollywood musical remake. Along with Nicholson, those who got acting breaks from Corman include Robert De Niro (1970's Bloody Mama), Charles Bronson (1958's Machine-Gun Kelly) and Sylvester Stallone (1975's Capone and Death Race 2000).

Keeping budgets tiny and shooting quickly, Corman has made a profitable career defying the Hollywood maxim that you never put your own money into a movie. He still finances his own films so he can make them his way, without interference from studio backers.

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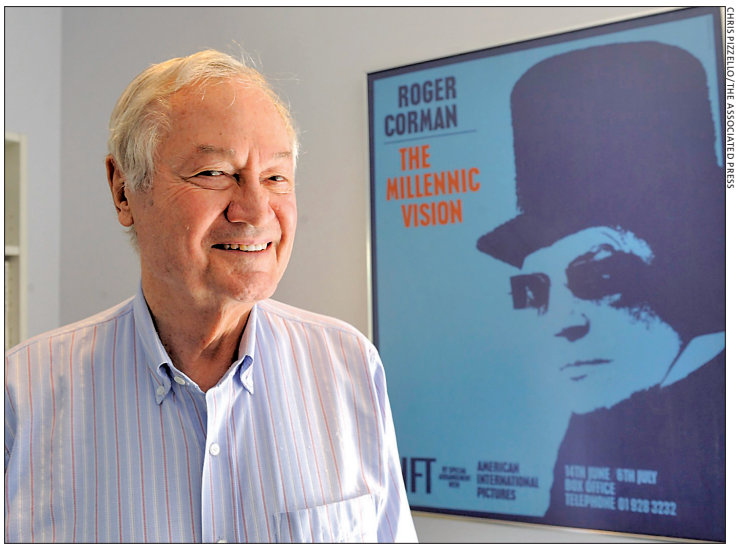

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Film producer and director Roger Corman poses for a portrait at his office in Los Angeles. Corman, memorably dubbed the Orson Welles of the Z-Movie and the Pope of Pop Cinema, never expected the words "Academy Award recipient" would accompany his name.

Corman is receiving his award at a ceremony on Saturday

Academy Awards to be animated

- A record 20 films have been submitted for best animated feature at the Academy Awards.
- As long as at least 16 films qualify, there will be five nominees in the feature-length animation category.
- Most years, the category has had only three nominees, but 2009 has been a prolific year for animation. The only previous year when there were five nominees came in 2002, when 17 animated films were submitted.
- Submissions include a wide variety of styles, including computer animation of such hits as Up, Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs and Monsters vs. Aliens. There's also the stop-motion animation of Coraline, Fantastic Mr. Fox and Mary and Max; and the hand-drawn animation of The Princess and the Frog and Ponyo.

The spell is broken

ABC says its new drama Eastwick, starring Paul Gross and Lindsay Price, won't be continued beyond its first 13 episodes. Based on the John Updike novel The Witches of Eastwick, the show has been haunted by low ratings, attracting fewer than five million viewers last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Swift, Kristofferson awarded

Young artist scoops up major country honours at BMI

Taylor Swift started what could be a very good week on Tuesday, with her second straight award for song of the year at the BMI Country Awards.

Swift, 19, won for her song Love Story. Bobby Pinson was named songwriter of the year and Sony/ATV Music was named publisher of the year. BMI also honoured Brooks & Dunn with the president's award.

"I just want to say to every songwriter and every loved one of a songwriter, thank you, because you are the reason I wanted to try Nashville," Swift said. "You are all my heroes."

But it was Kris Kristofferson, the 73-year-old songwriter of classics like Sunday Mornin' Come Down and Me and Bobby McGee, who had the audience's attention when he received an icon award

Willie Nelson, Patty Griffin and Vince Gill paid tribute to Kristofferson, who cried during Griffin's rendition of Help Me Make it Through the Night.

"There's no better songwriter alive than Kris Kristofferson," said Nelson. "Everything he writes is a standard and we're all just going to have to live with that."

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Taylor Swift, left, was awarded the song of the year prize, for Love Story, at Tuesday's BMI Country Awards. Songwriter Kris Kristofferson, far right, was honoured by Vince Gill and Willie Nelson.

Kristofferson admitted to being overwhelmed by the attention. "You want the honest truth?" Kristofferson asked with a wry smile. "I'm very honoured, but I'm really uncomfortable with everybody saying something praiseworthy and I feel stupid.

"I told Willie this is going to be really hard on me. He said, 'That's why I'm going like it so much, because you're going to hate it.' But I'm awfully grateful that what I love to do means enough to other people that I'm able to do it."

Ray Stevens was among the first to take a chance on a Kristofferson song, recording Sunday Mornin' a year before Johnny Cash turned it into a hit.

"Nobody had ever put that much money and effort into recording one of my songs," Kristofferson said. "I remember the first time I heard it … I had to leave the publishing house and I just sat on the steps and wept because it was such a beautiful thing."

Pinson is one of Nashville's hottest songwriters, with four songs among those most performed in the last year. He co-wrote No. 1 hits All I Want to Do and Already Gone with Sugarland.

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NBC's prime-time shows going green

TELEVISION NBC gives new meaning to the phrase "green screen" next week, spreading an environmental message across five of its prime-time programs.

30 Rock is leading the way, with Al Gore in a cameo role. Environmental themes will also be highlighted in The Biggest Loser, The Office, Heroes and Community.

NBC Universal's three-year green campaign has largely focused on off-camera issues like making company facilities more eco-friendly. News programs have also been enlisted to produce stories on environmental issues, but except for one 30 Rock episode two years ago, the campaign hasn't reached into the prime-time lineup.

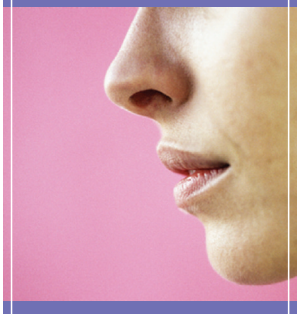
Al Gore

Next week on 30 Rock, corporate boss Jack Donaghy (Alec Baldwin) tells the late-night show's staff it must cut its carbon footprint by five per cent, and puts Kenneth the Page (Jack McBrayer) in charge. "It's something that is relatable and is something that a lot of people are doing," said McBrayer.

Backstage, the show has removed water bottles in favour of water filters, and uses chemical-free cleaning products. The show rents hybrid vehicles to transport its actors and crew members, said Beth Colleton, vice-president of the Green Is Universal campaign.

In the comedy Community, the college is renamed Environdale. Students think they're hiring the band Green Day for a gig, but instead get the Celtic combo Greene Daeye.

Dwight (Rainn Wilson) in The Office takes on the role of Recyclops, while Heroes will feature cast members filling a truck with recyclables and talking about the importance of giving back to the earth. Trainers on The Biggest Loser instruct their clients to buy organic produce, and bring their own mugs to the coffee shop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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The hills are alive
A group of musicians, including Kid Rock, Emmylou Harris, Randy Travis and Big Kenny Alphin, has formed to fight mountaintop coal removal. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. addressed a meeting of the artists' campaign, Music Saves Mountains, on Monday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's a battle to buy the Blades

CBC's hit skating show attracting international interest

CBC's hit show Battle of the Blades is heating up off the ice, with talks underway to mount the elimination-style reality series in other countries, a producer said yesterday.

"There's enormous interest in the show and we've had so much press, not just here in Canada but in Los Angeles, in New York City and throughout Europe," said Brunton, co-executive producer alongside Barbara Bowlby and Kevin Albrecht.

"We're in discussions right now about people buying our Canadian version of the show, as well as doing their own local format."

Such a deal would be a rare coup for an original Canadian-made series, Brunton says, noting that many recent homegrown reality hits are in fact adaptations of foreign formats. That includes his own series — Canadian Idol, Project Runway Canada and Deal or No Deal Canada.

Battle of the Blades pits pairs of former NHLers and veteran figure skaters against each other in weekly routines. It's the brainchild of Albrecht, a sports agent, with development by choreographer Sandra Bezic, also a judge on the weekly show.

Claude Lemieux and Shae-Lynn Bourne perform on Battle of the Blades, which could become a rare made-in-Canada TV export.

"In Russia there's enough dance and pairs skaters and famous hockey players, they could replicate it easily," said Brunton, adding the U.S. and Scandinavia also offer likely audiences.

In countries without a depth of hockey players or pairs skaters, he noted, the show might have to bring in contestants from other fields — such as speed skating or women's hockey.

Alternatively, athletes from different countries could be pitted against each other. "There are so many possibilities — could we do Canada versus the United States as a competition? Or Canada versus Russia…," says Brunton, recalling the legendary 1972 Summit Series hockey game.

The show's first season wraps up Sunday and Monday with a three-way fight for the title of best on ice. The winning pair gets $100,000 for the charity of their choice.

Monday's results show will feature a special performance from skating legends Barb Underhill and Paul Martini, with a routine dedicated to Underhill's daughter Stephanie, who died as a baby when she fell into a backyard pool.

Also performing Monday are Olympic gold medallists Jamie Salé and David Pelletier, and former Olympians Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon.

Sunday's show will include an all-men's routine featuring the five previously eliminated NHLers — Ron Duguay, Bob Probert, Ken Daneyko, Glenn Anderson and Tie Domi.

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critics' corner

The Mentalist
Minelli (Gregory Itzin) orders Patrick (Simon Baker) and his team to put aside their differences and work together with Bosco (Terry Kinney) and his team in order to locate a kidnapped woman who is being held for ransom in the new episode "Red Bulls." Robin Tunney, Tim Kang, Owain Yeoman and Amanda Righetti also star; Dominic Hoffman and Seana Kofoed ("Men in Trees") guest star. 10 PM on CTV 10 PM on CBS

After Elizabeth II
No matter how you feel about the monarchy, you have to agree that Queen Elizabeth II will be a hard act to follow. That's the premise of this new documentary from Montreal filmmaker John Curtin, which speculates on the future of the monarchy. Prince Charles is next in line, of course, but his political activism will make him a very different kind of ruler. The documentary also raises the question of whether the monarchy is obsolete and even inhumane. 8 PM on CBC

Cookbook bibliography bags Culinary Hall of Fame award

A bibliography of Canadian cookbooks captured the first Canadian Culinary Hall of Fame award presented last week in Toronto. Elizabeth Driver spent more than 10 years compiling the work, Culinary Landmarks: A Bibliography of Canadian Cookbooks, 1825-1949. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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And although the décor is stuck in the '80s (an arbor with fake leaves, muted colours), the dining room is open and pleasant — high ceilings and glimpses of both the bar and the action in the kitchen.

The Escargot Appetizer Special ($12.95) is sublime and the Hickory Smoked Atlantic Salmon ($13) is emboldened by the smoked trout, avocado and wasabi mousse.

On the web

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My companion isn't a fish lover but is vastly swayed by the preparation of the Pan Seared Muskoka Trout ($19). I have the Seafood Supreme ($23) with lovely plump fish, clams, mussels, squid, shrimp and slightly overcooked scallops in a delicate saffron broth — a good choice.

The two servers tonight (one of which has been here since the beginning and used to run the kitchen) are at times pushy and rushed, but not entirely unpleasant.

When I think back on this dinner, I will definitely have fond memories.

And isn't that a mark of a good restaurant?

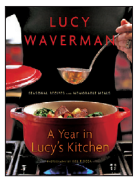
STEPHANIE DICKISON/FOR METRO TORONTO

Trapper's Seafood Supreme ($23)

Lucy's cooking for every season

BOOK Capturing the trend to eating seasonally and locally, a number of Canadian cookbooks released this fall are featuring recipes to help readers do just that right in their own kitchens.

Veteran food writer Lucy Waverman really delivers style geared to seasonal meals in her new book, A Year In Lucy's Kitchen: Seasonal Recipes and Memorable Meals.



Waverman, the author of eight cookbooks, has a new twist in her latest book. Her husband Bruce MacDougall, an expert in tasting and matching wine and food, has put his talents to pairing her recipes with the appropriate vintages.

Waverman has also included several spiced-up recipes throughout the book.

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Dining out

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Splitsville for Julianne
Julianne Hough and Chuck Wicks have decided to call it quits. "This was mutual. They needed some time apart," a source tells People. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Jon and Angelina have reconciled

SAY DAD, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BABYSITTING? After a seven-year rift, Jon Voight tells the new issue of Us Weekly that he and Angelina Jolie have reconciled. "We're in touch, but not regularly," Voight, 70, confirms to Us Weekly. "We love each other and that's the most important thing."

Jolie, 34, stopped speaking to him in 2001 after a teary Voight appeared on Access Hollywood and pleaded for her to seek help for her "serious mental problems." But in February, "they met face-to-face" and have been talking ever since, a family friend tells the new Us Weekly.

"Angie made the initial contact," says the pal. "Brad (Pitt has been supportive — a key factor in her reaching out."

Source also say Jolie has her heart set on adding one more child to their family and has begun the paperwork to adopt a baby girl from Syria, according to Hollyscoop. But Brad Pitt is reportedly less thrilled about the idea.

"He has made it clear that six children are more than he can handle," a source says. "The idea of one more seemed ludicrous, but Angie is determined to complete her rainbow family." An INS spokesman confirmed that "only Angelina's name was on the adoption papers," according to the website. METRO WORLD NEWS

Renée's going to meet the folks

DIDN'T THESE TWO BREAK UP LAST WEEK? Things are reportedly getting very serious between Bradley Cooper and Renée Zellweger. So serious, in fact, that they may soon be planning a wedding.

"As soon as his mom gives the sign off, he's going to propose," a source tells Gatecrasher. He's even bringing her home to his parents' home in Philadelphia for Thanksgiving. "Things have been heading in this direction for the two of them for a while," the source says. "But this definitely solidifies how serious they are." METRO WORLD NEWS

Kristen, Fergie are friends

BETCHA WE KNOW WHAT ROB'S THINKING While in Paris to promote New Moon, Kristen Stewart made a new friend: Fergie, who she met at a restaurant after dining with co-stars Rob Pattinson and Taylor Lautner.

"It was totally unplanned," a source tells People magazine. Stewart and Fergie reportedly chatted awhile before leaving together, holding hands as they walked out. "(They) looked like they'd gotten on really well." Fergie, meanwhile, recently told the Advocate that she's curbed her bisexual ways since getting married. "I've had a lot of fun with women, and I'm not ashamed of it," she told the magazine. "But just because I enjoy women doesn't mean I'm allowed to have affairs in my relationship." METRO WORLD NEWS

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Christmas will proceed as usual at Gosselin household

SOUNDS SUSPICIOUSLY NORMAL Jon Gosselin says he and estranged wife Kate will spend Christmas together with their eight kids, usmagazine.com reports. "Christmas Eve and Christmas day are joint-shared custody days, which means we're both in the house," he tells AOL's PopEater.com. "So we'll be there." Jon, 32, says he doesn't expect any showdowns, adding that he and Kate, 34, plan to stick to tradition. The kids "do the stockings early Christmas morning," he says. "Kate makes sticky buns. We keep it all the same. Nothing has changed. That way they have the sense of security with everything that's going on."

He adds, "This year, there's a lot of paparazzi, so who knows? Every year it's different." With his hectic schedule, the reality star says hasn't started buying presents yet. "It will probably be all Internet-based this year, pre-wrapped," he adds. "You know, I'm a guy, when there's free gift wrap, I'm like, 'Yeah, yes please.'" METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celine loses her baby: Rep

FERTILITY BATTLE Celine Dion has lost her baby. A spokeswoman for the pop star has confirmed that Dion's pregnancy, which she announced in August, has failed. The couple had its first child with the help of fertility treatments, she became pregnant again with the help of the same technology, and the couple has kept trying despite the latest setback. Dion tried fertility treatment last month, but that didn't work, and she will make another attempt at getting pregnant this weekend in New York. Dion's husband Rene Angelil has told a newspaper that he and Dion are disappointed but determined, and that they take comfort in the fact they already have one child. Dion, 41, and Angelil 67, have an eight-year-old son Rene-Charles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travolta plays tennis at night

ENOUGH WITH THE DAMN VAMPIRES ALREADY John Travolta has become a fan of playing tennis, but he tends to indulge in the sport at very strange hours. "I play at midnight. Kind of vampire-style," he told Ellen DeGeneres when stopping by her talk show. METRO WORLD NEWS

Dina trashes ex over phone tapes

THESE FOLKS SURE KNOW HOW TO STAY IN THE NEWS Dina Lohan is speaking out about Michael Lohan and the tapes of phone calls with her and Lindsay Lohan he's been releasing. "The tapes were from a long time ago, and for a father to stoop this low is unforgivable." METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity tweets

John Mayer has trouble adjusting to time zone changes, Paris Hilton loves indulging her inner child, Elizabeth Taylor is starting the Oscar campaign for "This Is It," and John Cleese finds Twitter's questions a bit invasive.

• @johncmayer
Anybody in the LA area who may have returned from a trip to Australia want to play some racquetball or rent a movie?

• @Paris Hilton
My man bought me a Pink Castle Moonbounce. It's so cute and so much fun!

• @DameElizabeth
I truly believe this film should be nominated in every category conceivable.

• @JohnCleese
All those tweeteries asking me what I'm doing. You'd think they never heard of Google.

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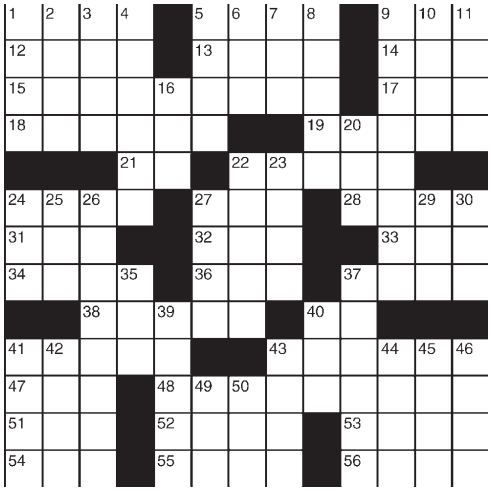

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Cauliflower & Goat Cheese Soup

Submitted by:
Samantha Denham,
Toronto, On

INGREDIENTS:

1 Head of cauliflower
8 Cup of chicken stock
1 four inch sausage of goat cheese

METHOD:

1. Chop up the cauliflower, removing hard pieces. Put in a pot with chicken stock.
2. Boil until very soft. (add more chicken stock if it is a large cauliflower.) Puree and strain.
3. Put back on the stove and add the goat cheese and mix until smooth. Garnish with spinach or parsley.

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You seem to be under a lot of pressure at the moment, but nothing bad will happen so long as you keep your wits. You're tougher than you look.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't plan anything too serious for the next 24 hours because this is a time for fun and games, not work and worry. Do only what makes you smile.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Go out of your way to help other people, because what you do for friends and loved ones now will be done for you at some stage in the future.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
It appears you are being far too critical, both about yourself and about other people. Life is not intended to be a burden; it's meant to be fun.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Hard work never hurt anyone. True or false? Whatever the answer, the planets urge you to give yourself a break, because you will diminish returns.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Mercury, your ruler, squares up to Neptune, planet of spirituality, so chances are you will be more concerned with your inner life than with the world.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have higher standards than most but you don't have to aim for perfection in everything you do. Even a Libra is allowed to let things slip a bit.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Keep what you know to yourself today because the fewer people who are in on the secret the more leverage it will give you to influence events.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You don't need to exaggerate your importance – friends and family and work colleagues are well aware of what you are capable of.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will influence important people with ease today, but you must not fall into the trap of promising things you may not be able to deliver on time.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You've got masses of strength, stamina and self-belief but you need to keep sight of the fact that you've got limits too

PISCES
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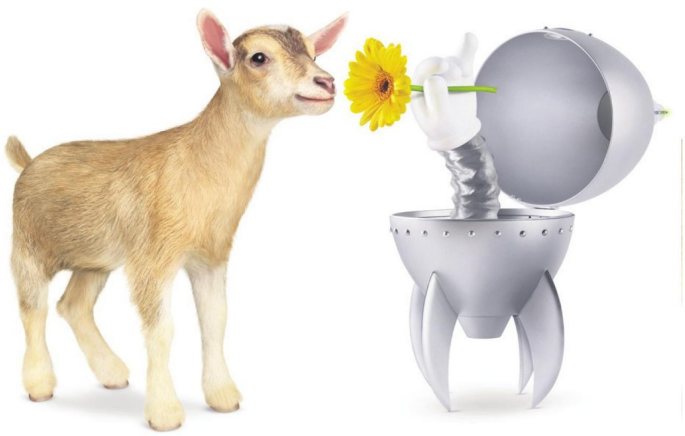

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